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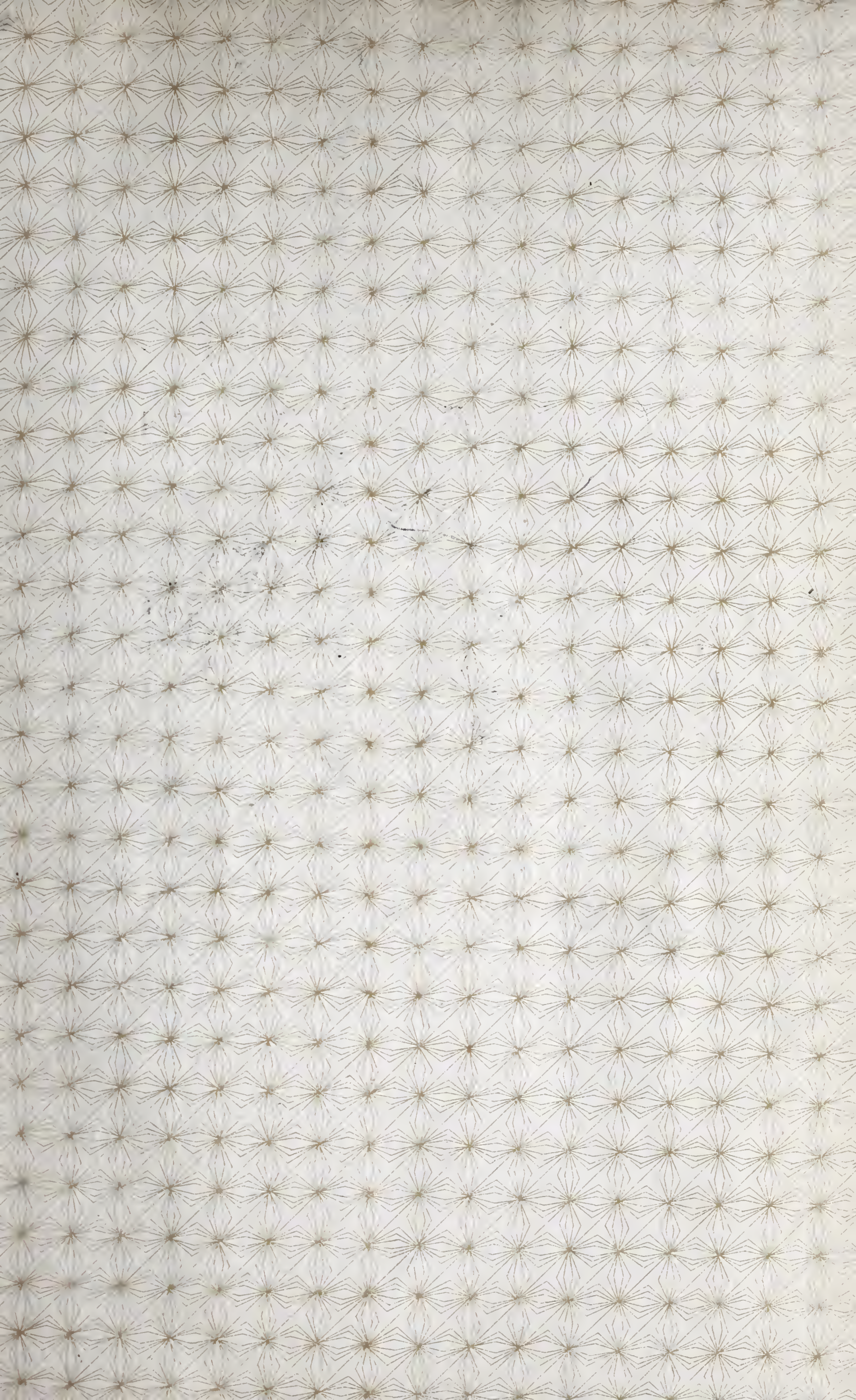
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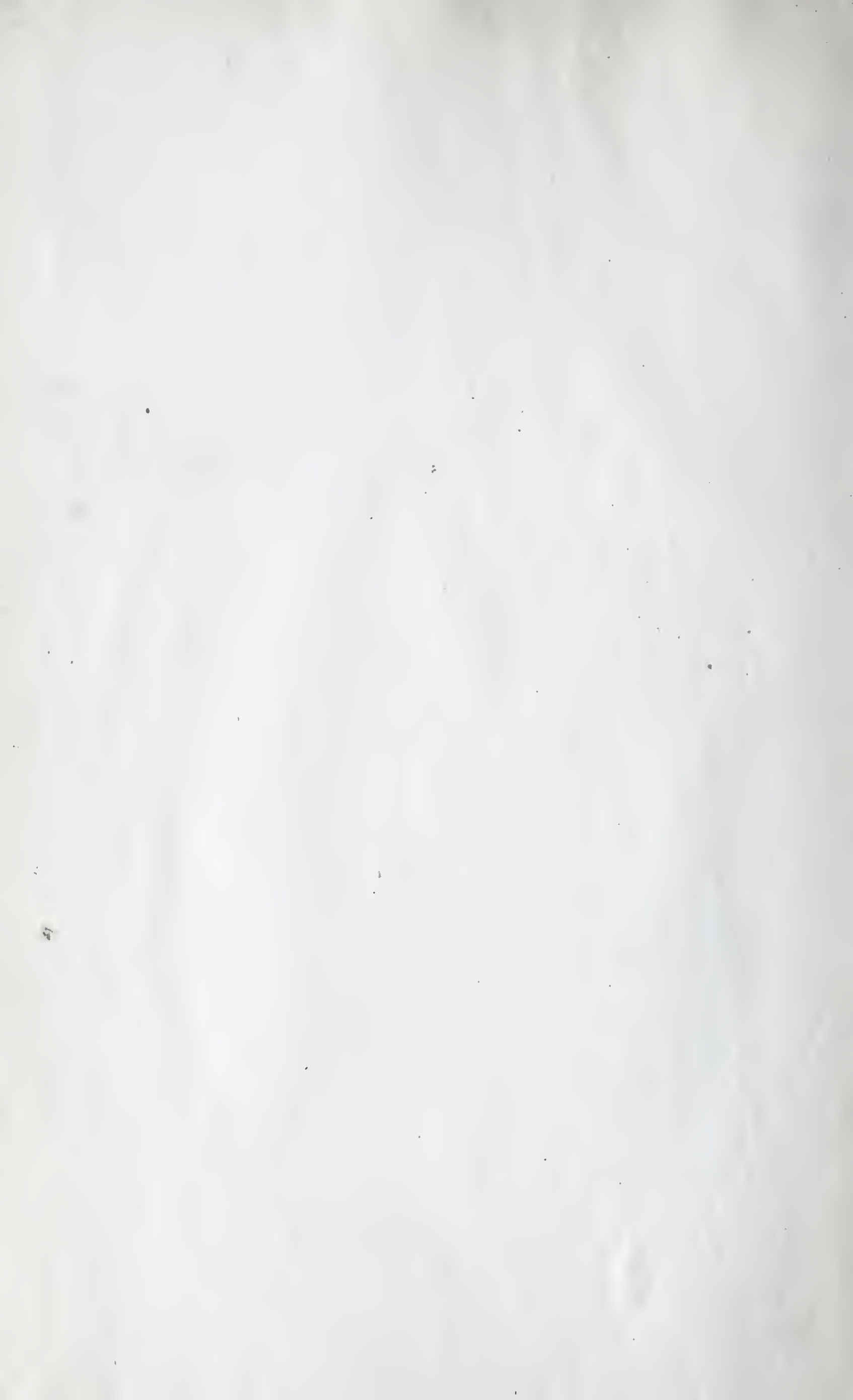
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CONSTITUTION

AND

CODE OF STATUTES

OF THE

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TOGETHER WITH

FORMS FOR TEMPLAR TRIALS.



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To the Grand Encampment :

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution, Statutes and Forms for Trial respectfully submit the result of their labors.

THE CONSTITUTION.

Believing that a declaration of the general purpose in forming the Grand Encampment, and of the scope of its powers, would be a proper introduction to the Constitution, we submit a preamble, and a change in the first paragraph of Article I.

We have rearranged a good many of the provisions so as to group together under appropriate headings the different sections where they more properly belong.

We have placed under the head of " Rules of Order, &c.," matters relative to the routine business of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery respectively.

We have placed under the head of " Financial," the different provisions relative to that subject.

Library Most of Article IV of the old Constitution has been distributed and inserted where the sections appropriately belong, and we have put under Article IV the various provisions which are applicable to all Templars or Templar Bodies.

In many places we have changed the phraseology without altering the meaning. All of such changes are indicated by italics, or can be easily ascertained by comparing the old Constitution with that herewith submitted.

The more important alterations are—

ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE, &c.

1. The provision that no one shall be eligible to office in the Grand Encampment or in a Grand Commandery unless he is a member thereof, and also a member of a subordinate Commandery.

The propriety thereof is obvious. In the early days of the Order in this country there was necessarily more latitude allowed in the selection of officers. The membership in Grand Bodies being limited, any member of a subordinate Commandery was made eligible to the highest office in the governing Body.

The necessity for such an enlarged range of choice no longer exists. The long array of those from whom, under the new requirements, a

choice can be made for official station, relieves us from the anomaly of giving the government of the Body to those who are not members of the Body; and placing in official position over members of many years' standing and service, those who have no such record of service to justify such promotion. And there certainly is no hardship in making affiliation necessary to office-holding.

2. We have also provided that all of the officers, except Grand Captain of the Guard, shall be elected.

3. We have changed the provision relative to the calling of special Conclaves, which is indicated by italics.

4. As a proper financial regulation, we have inserted a provision that no money shall be paid out of the Treasury except upon a warrant, and after an appropriation voted by the Grand Encampment or by the Grand Commandery respectively.

5. Many duties of the Grand Recorder have been heretofore set forth in detail; but there is nothing as to keeping the minutes, issuing of summons and having custody of the Seal. These omissions have been corrected.

6. Grand Commanderies have hitherto been established upon the warrant of the Grand Master (or in earlier days upon the warrant of one of the first four officers of the Grand Encampment). Believing that so important a matter should be evidenced in a more formal manner, we have provided that a Charter shall be issued under the Seal of the Grand Encampment. Without making it a Constitutional requirement, we suggest that all of the present Grand Commanderies should be furnished with charters under the seal of the Grand Encampment; or if they prefer to retain their original warrant (when it has been retained) that the same be duly endorsed and certified under seal.

7. The duty of all Commanderies to enroll themselves under the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction is brought from the Code of Statutes, and inserted in the Constitution.

8. A singular omission has been made in that no duties are assigned to the Treasurers of Grand or Subordinate Commanderies; and to remedy this, provisions analogous to those of the Treasurer of the Grand Encampment have been specifically enumerated.

9. It is provided that the Treasurers and Recorders of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies shall give bonds, as is the case with similar officers of the Grand Encampment.

10. It never was intended that the first three officers of a Commandery immediately subordinate to the Grand Encampment should be permanent members of the last named body. Yet the language of the Constitution would be capable of this interpretation. We have

sought to remove all doubt upon this point by declaring such officers to be *pro tempore* members.

11. We have omitted Section 2 of Article 1. There was never any necessity for it. A mere change of the name of the Grand Body, and the alteration of some of the provisions of its Constitution, could not destroy any of the rights of membership or official rank therein. And, moreover, it is believed that none of those are now living to whom this section applied.

PROXIES.

12. The Grand Encampment, having from time to time restricted the power of voting by proxy, seems to indicate a disposition against the system; and believing it, in the present condition of the Order, to be of more than doubtful expediency, we recommend its entire abrogation. It is no great hardship to those who do not attend Grand Conclaves to deny them an equal voice in the proceedings with those who manifest a greater interest and a keener sense of duty by their personal presence.

This involves striking from the Constitution Section 4 of Article I, and Section 28 of Article II; and also the elimination of Sections 1, 2, and 5, Title XLVI, and Section 8, Title XXIX, of the Code; and the modification of Article I, Section 1, (3) of the Constitution; and this action is recommended.

AFFILIATION AND RESIDENCE.

13. The status of an unaffiliated Knight is in some respects very difficult of ascertainment under the present inconsistent and conflicting laws.

While the Statutes provide that non-affiliation does not deprive a Sir Knight of his membership in the Grand Encampment (Title 18, Section 3), yet by the Constitution (Article I, Sec. 3) and by the Code (Title 18, Sec. 3) the unaffiliated are ineligible to office and cannot vote.

It is anomalous to hold that a member of a body cannot vote or hold office therein, and it would be equally anomalous to hold that one not a member could vote or hold office in any body. The inconsistency can be removed by denying membership to the unaffiliated. And this would be no more than just to those who maintain their membership, and contribute, by the payment of annual dues, to the support of the organization. We therefore recommend a modification of the Code.

14. There is another glaring inconsistency in the Code, which regu-

lates the status of a member of a Grand Commandery whether he continues to reside in the jurisdiction or not. To retain this membership he must continue his affiliation in a Subordinate under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of which he is a member. Elsewhere (Title 46, Section 4 ; Title 61, Section 6) a change of residence works a forfeiture of the right to vote or hold office in any Commandery, although membership in the Subordinate and Grand Commandery continues unaffected.

In addition to the thought suggested in considering the effect of non-affiliation, there is a further objection to the present state of the law. Men feel a natural affection for the Commandery in which they were Knighted—the mother who gave them birth as Templars. Wherever they may reside they turn with fondness to their old home. They contribute regularly to its support, and through it to the support of its Grand Commandery. Why, then, should their rights therein be denied or restricted ? Failing to see any reason therefor, we recommend a change in the Statutes which deny or restrict those rights.

The changes we recommend are as follows :

I. The Constitution, Art. I, Section 19, to read :

1. “ No person shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Encampment unless he shall be a member thereof, and also a member of a Subordinate Commandery.”

A similar change to be made in Article II, Section 12 (2).

And the following to be inserted in the Code, under Title XXXIII :

2. Members of a Grand Commandery forfeit all their rights of such membership by being unaffiliated.

3. Members of a Grand Commandery do not forfeit any of the rights of such membership by removing out of the jurisdiction, provided they maintain affiliation in a Commandery within the jurisdiction.

15. There is at present no law specifically authorizing the Grand Master or Grand Commander to fill vacancies which may occur in the office of Grand Treasurer or Grand Recorder, or in any of the now appointive offices. We have thought it best not to leave this to rest upon the traditional prerogative or ordinary usage, nor to inference and possible misconstruction.

16. We have also deemed it prudent to provide for filling such vacancies as may occur by reason of mental disability or removal from the jurisdiction.

17. The following have been omitted from the Code, viz :

OMITTED FROM CODE.

Title VI,	Sec. 3. Assessments for social entertainments.
XII,	33. Commandery in public—blended with 34.
XVIII,	3. Affiliation.
XXIV,	2. Exemption from fees.
XXVII,	3. Grand Master—how received.
XXIX,	8. Membership necessary, etc.
XXXVII,	5. Unaffiliation forfeits.
XLI,	4. “ “
XLII,	5, 6, 8, 9. Eligibility.
XLIV,	2. Past Commanders preside—confer Orders.
XLVI,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Proxies, etc.
XLVII,	3. Parades—request Grand Commander.
L,	3. Rank of Sword-Bearer.
LI,	2. Red Cross to uniform—elsewhere.
LIV,	2. Ritual contains.
LIX,	3. No one without uniform.
	7. Change of uniform.
LXI,	3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Voting by proxy.

TRANSFERRED FROM CODE TO CONSTITUTION.

18. In addition to changes in the Code of Statutes already set forth, we have transferred therefrom to the Constitution—

Title II,	Sec. —. Amendments.
X,	—. Books of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.
XII,	1, 2. Dispensations, etc. 6, 7, 8. New Commanderies. 20. Grand Commandery. 27. Commanderies to enroll under Grand Commandery.
XIV,	1. Death, etc., of Commander, etc. 13, 14, 20, 22. Petitions, dispensations, etc.
XXVII,	1. Powers of Grand Master. 4. Summons.
XXVIII,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. (All.) Committees.
XXIX,	1, 2. Grand Commandery—how formed.
XXXI,	—. Illegal Commanderies.
XL,	—. Moneys.
XLII,	1, 2, 3, 4. Vacancies in office.
XLVIII,	3, 4, 5. Council degrees, etc.
LIX,	1. Uniform.

And we have rearranged some of the sections and changed the phraseology of several, all of which will appear by an examination.

It is possible that we have not pointed out all of the changes we have made, but the most important have been indicated, and a careful comparison of the old laws with the work herewith submitted will give the fullest information.

FORMS FOR TRIALS.

The committee have followed, to a great extent, the Forms for Trials which were prepared and promulgated in 1879. The most marked difference between the former system and that now recommended is, that we make no provision for *trial* by a committee. We think such a procedure improper and unjust.

The other changes will be observed by comparison.

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NOTE.—The work of the committee was completed before the death of Sir Knight Innis and met with his approval.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

In order to secure greater unity, better government, and to increase the prosperity and influence of the Orders of Christian Knighthood in the United States, this Constitution is ordained and established.

ARTICLE I.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT—OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SECTION 1. *The supreme legislative and executive power over the Orders of Companions of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta shall be vested in "the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States," which shall consist of the following members:*

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| <p>(1.) The Grand Master,
The Deputy Grand Master,
The Grand Generalissimo,
The Grand Captain-General,
The Grand Senior Warden,
The Grand Junior Warden,
The Grand Treasurer,
The Grand Recorder,
The Grand Prelate,
The Grand Standard-Bearer,
The Grand Sword-Bearer,
The Grand Warder, all of whom shall be elected by ballot, and—
The Grand Captain of the Guard, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master.</p> | <p>Officers.</p> |
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Past Officers.

- (2.) All Past Grand Masters,
All Past Deputy Grand Masters,
All Past Grand Generalissimos, and—
All Past Grand Captains-General of the Grand Encampment.

Members from
Grand Com-
manderies.

- (3.) All Grand Commanders,
All Past Grand Commanders,
All Deputy Grand Commanders,
All Grand Generalissimos, and—
All Grand Captains-General of the several Grand
Commanderies that acknowledge the jurisdiction of
the Grand Encampment.

Command-
eries immediate-
ly subordinate
to the Grand
Encampment.

- (4.) The first three officers of each Commandery that holds
its Charter immediately from the Grand Encamp-
ment of the United States shall be *pro tempore*
members.

TITLES.

Titles of Offi-
cers.

- SEC. 2. The title and designation of the Grand Master of
the Grand Encampment of the United States is *Most Eminent*.
That of Deputy Grand Master, *Right Eminent*.
That of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment,
Very Eminent.

CONCLAVES.

Time and place
of meeting.

- SEC. 3. A Grand Conclave of the Grand Encampment
shall be held triennially, at such time and place as may have
been previously designated by the Standing Committee, and
approved by the Grand Encampment.

Special meet-
ings.

How called.

- SEC. 4. Special Conclaves may be called by the Grand
Master, at his discretion. And it shall be his *duty*, upon
the requisition of *fifty members residing in at least a ma-
jority of the different States*, to him directed in writing, to
call a special Conclave.

Specific busi-
ness at special
meetings.

- SEC. 5. No business shall be transacted at a special Con-
clave except that which was specified in the notice or
summons.

POWERS AND DUTIES.

Powers of
Grand Encamp-
ment.

- SEC. 6. (1.) The Grand Encampment, at its Triennial
Conclaves, shall review and consider all the official reports

of its officers, and the proceedings of the Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies under its immediate jurisdiction, for the preceding three years.

(2.) It shall adopt such Statutes, Rules and Edicts as may be necessary for the good of the Order. Adopt Rules.

(3.) It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. Examine accounts of Officers.

(4.) It shall supervise the condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost fidelity and punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Encampment. Supervise finances.

(5.) The Grand Encampment shall have exclusive power to constitute new Commanderies within any State, District, or Territory wherein there is no Grand Commandery regularly formed under the authority of the Grand Encampment. Power of Grand Encampment over unoccupied territory.

(6.) It may grant or withhold Warrants, Dispensations, and Charters for new Grand Commanderies, and for Subordinate Commanderies where there is no Grand Commandery. Grant warrants.

(7.) It may revoke existing Warrants, Charters, or Dispensations. Revoke warrants.

(8.) It shall assign the limits of the Grand Commanderies, and settle all controversies that may arise between them. Define jurisdictional limits.

(9.) And, finally, it shall consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being and perpetuation of the principles of Templar Masonry. To consider matters in general.

TENURE OF OFFICE.

SEC. 3. The Officers of the Grand Encampment shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed. Tenure of office.

THE GRAND MASTER.

Duties of
Grand Master.

SEC. 4. It is the prerogative and duty of the Grand Master generally to exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his high office, in accordance with the usages of Templar Masonry;

Supervision
over Grand and
Subordinate
Commanderies.

And, as a part thereof, he shall have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate, in the United States, and see that all the constitutional En-

Enforce Edicts.

actments, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment are duly and promptly observed;

Costumes to be
uniform.

And that the work, rituals, and discipline of Templar Masonry are uniform throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment; and that the dress is uniform, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Encampment.

Among his special duties and prerogatives are the following:

Appoint officers.

(1.) To appoint a Grand Captain of the Guard, to serve during his term of office; by *pro tempore* appointment to fill all vacancies which may occur in any office other than Deputy Grand Master or Grand Generalissimo, which appointees shall serve during the pleasure of the Grand Master, or until their respective successors shall have been elected and installed.

Appoint com-
mittees.

(2.) To appoint all Committees authorized by the Constitution or by the Grand Encampment.

Visit, &c.

(3.) To visit and preside in any Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, in the United States, and give such instruction or directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Rituals, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment.

Custody of
bonds.

(4.) To cause to be executed, and securely to preserve and keep, the official bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

Grant Dispen-
sations.

(5.) To grant Letters of Dispensation for the holding of a Commandery of "the indispensable number;" and upon the petition of at least nine Knights Templar in good standing, to grant Letters of Dispensation, during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the formation of new Com-

manderies in States or Territories where there is no Grand Commandery; and this without the recommendation or consent of the nearest Commandery; but such dispensation shall be in force no longer than the next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment; and he shall promptly notify the Grand Recorder of the issuing of said Letters of Dispensation.

(6.) To grant warrants, during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the institution of Grand Commanderies in States, Districts, or Territories where no Grand Commandery exists; and to arrest warrants and charters, and to suspend from the functions of his office any officer during the recess of the Grand Encampment.

Grant warrants.
Arrest warrants.

(7.) To manage and control his contingent fund.

Manage contingent fund.

(8.) To issue his proxy to any Knight Templar in regular standing, authorizing him to constitute a Grand Commandery which has received a warrant for its formation, or a Subordinate Commandery which has received a Charter; and any Commandery thus constituted shall be deemed regularly constituted.

Proxy to constitute.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

SEC. 5. The Deputy Grand Master, in the event of the death, removal, *mental* or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Master. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Encampment or the Grand Master.

When Deputy may serve.

THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

SEC. 6. In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General shall severally act as Grand Master, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them *by the Grand Master or* by the Grand Encampment, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

Order of succession.

SEC. 7. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain-General, are severally authorized to visit and preside in any Com-

Who may visit Commanderies and preside.

mandery of Knights Templar throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Institution may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Rituals, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment.

Succession. SEC. 8. In the event of the absence, death, or *disability* of all of the four principal officers of the Grand Encampment, the Past Grand Masters, according to seniority of service, shall *assume the office and discharge the duties of Grand Master*.

THE GRAND TREASURER.

To invest funds. SEC. 9. (1.) The Grand Treasurer, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Encampment, shall invest, from time to time, all such moneys as may come to his hands, belonging to the Grand Encampment, over and above the sum of three hundred dollars, in such way as he may judge most to the interest of the Grand Encampment, but subject to call on thirty days' notice. And the same shall be at his command on the first day of the month preceding the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment.

Render account. (2.) He shall render to the Grand Encampment, at its Triennial Conclaves, a true and perfect account of his doings in this respect, together with an account of all moneys received and the earnings accrued from investments, and the amounts disbursed by him during the vacation, and he shall submit his books for inspection by the Finance Committee.

Send accounts to Grand Master. (3.) He shall transmit a copy of his accounts to the Grand Master, by the first day of the month preceding the Triennial Conclave, to the end that the Grand Master may make such suggestions on account thereof as he may deem necessary.

Pay Grand Master's drafts. (4.) He shall pay all drafts drawn upon the Contingent Fund by the Grand Master.

Pay no money without vote of Grand Encampment. (5.) *Except as provided in (4.) he shall pay out no money unless upon a warrant or order signed by the Grand Master, and attested to by the Grand Recorder, and in pursuance of an appropriation voted by the Grand Encampment.*

Report to
Grand
Encampment.

Delinquent
Commanderies.

(8.) He shall report to the Grand Encampment, on the first day of each Triennial Conclave, the names of the Grand Commanderies, and of those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition to furnish him with their full annual historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Encampment, and also a list of those which have not paid them.

Report delin-
quent Com-
manderies to
Grand Master.

(9.) He shall report annually, on the first day of September, *except* the year of the Grand Conclave, when it shall be a month preceding, to the Grand Master, a list of the Grand Commanderies, and those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition to furnish their full annual historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Master.

Charge of seal.

(10.) *He shall have charge of the Seal of the Grand Encampment, and shall, under such Seal, attest all papers requiring the same.*

Keep book of
Templar Ma-
sonry.

(11.) He shall open and keep a "Book of Templar Masonry," in which shall be entered, in appropriate columns, the following subjects :

A. A register of Commanderies, to contain—

Grand Recorder
to report offi-
cial acts.

(a.) The date of issuing every Warrant by the Grand Master for the forming of a Grand Commandery, *and Charters therefor when issued by the Grand Encampment.*

(b.) The date of issuing every Dispensation for a Subordinate Commandery, and—

(c.) The date of issuing every Charter for a Subordinate Commandery granted by authority of the Grand Encampment since its origin.

B. A Register of Membership, to contain—

(a.) The Roll of Officers of the Grand Encampment, with their terms of service, etc., since the origin of the same.

(b.) The Roll of Elective Officers of the Grand Commanderies, terms of service, etc., from the organization of each.

(c.) The Roll of Officers of the Subordinate Commanderies working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

(d.) With all the current changes resulting from dismissions, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths.

C. Historical data, tending to preserve a complete history of Templar Masonry in the United States:

(a.) To bind in orderly volumes a copy of each of the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

(b.) To collect and bind in orderly volumes a copy of each of the Proceedings of the several Grand Commanderies, from the organization of each.

(c.) To collect and bind in orderly volumes a copy of the Statutes and By-Laws of each of the Grand Commanderies.

(d.) To collect and bind in an orderly volume impressions of the Seals of all the Grand Commanderies.

(e.) To collect and bind in orderly volumes copies of the By-Laws of all the Subordinate Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

(f.) To collect and bind in an orderly volume impressions of the Seal of each Subordinate Commandery working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

(12.) The Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment shall receive ten dollars as his fee for each Charter issued, and five dollars for endorsing, under the Seal of the Grand Encampment, the extension of a Dispensation. Grand Recorder's fee.

GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND RECORDER TO GIVE BONDS.

SEC. 11. The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall severally give bond, with sureties, in such form and to such an amount as shall from time to time be determined by the Grand Master, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bonds and sureties, and who shall keep and preserve the same. To give bonds.

THE REMAINING OFFICERS.

Duties of Officers.

SEC. 12. The duties of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment are such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or such as may be assigned to them by the *Grand Master* or by the Grand Encampment.

FINANCIAL.

SEC. 13. The revenues of the Grand Encampment shall consist—

Fee for charter. (1.) *Of the fee for Charters issued by the Grand Encampment, which fee shall be one hundred dollars.*

Dues. (2.) *Of the dues prescribed to be paid into the Treasury of the Grand Encampment for every Knight created in a Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.*

Dues. (3.) *Of the dues prescribed to be paid by each Grand Commandery for the aggregate membership under their respective jurisdictions.*

Interest. (4.) *Of interest or profits upon the deposit or investment of its funds.*

Dues of Sub-ordinate Com-manderies.

SEC. 14. For every Knight Templar created in any Commandery, whilst under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, there shall be paid \$2 into the Treasury of the Grand Encampment.

To whom moneys are to be paid.

SEC. 15. Any Grand Officer or member of the Grand Encampment not otherwise specified, coming into the receipt of moneys or property belonging to the Grand Encampment, shall forthwith remit the same to the Grand Recorder.

GRAND MASTER'S CONTINGENT FUND.

Contingent Fund for Grand Master.

SEC. 16. There shall be a Contingent Fund of five hundred dollars, placed to the credit of the Most Eminent Grand Master on the books of the Grand Treasurer at the close of each Triennial Conclave, out of which the Grand Master shall reimburse himself for his necessary cash expenses in the performance of his constitutional duties, and make a triennial report of the same to the Grand Encampment.

GRAND RECORDER'S CONTINGENT FUND.

SEC. 17. There shall be appropriated at each Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment a sufficient sum to be <sup>Contingen
Fund for</sup> used by the Grand Recorder to meet the current expenses of the secretariat, of which he shall render an account at the succeeding Triennial Conclave. ^{Grand Recorder.}

RULES OF ORDER, ETC.

READING OF THE JOURNAL.

SEC. 18. (1.) After the opening of the Grand Encampment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to read the Journal of the last Triennial Conclave, unless such reading be dispensed with; and at the resumption of business in each successive morning session, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read. <sup>Reading of
Journal.</sup>

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

(2.) A Committee on Credentials, consisting of three, <sup>Committee on
Credentials.</sup> shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of the Grand Conclave, to report as soon as convenient: *Provided*, That no officer of a Grand or Subordinate Commandery shall be reported, nor be entitled to a seat, unless the dues shall have been paid and the returns filed in the Grand Recorder's office, except by a vote of the Grand Encampment.

REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

(3.) After the report of the Committee on Credentials, the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, the Grand Captain-General, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder will successively read the reports of their doings during the preceding three years. <sup>Reports of
Officers.</sup>

These reports shall be referred to the Standing Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers, who may recommend the apportionment of such parts thereof to special or to such other of the Standing Committees as they may deem necessary or proper. <sup>Referred to
Standing Com-
mittee.</sup>

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Com-
mittees.

(4.) The Standing Committees shall be—

- a.* A Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers.
- b.* A Committee on Finance and Auditing.
- c.* A Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
- d.* A Committee on Unfinished Business.
- e.* A Committee on Grievances.
- f.* A Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, which shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed at each Triennial and act until the close of the next Triennial.
- g.* A Committee to designate the place for holding the next Triennial Conclave.
- h.* A Committee on Printing, consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Recorder, who shall determine, in the absence of a vote of the Grand Encampment, what portion of the proceedings shall be printed, and the style in which it shall be done.

New business.

Reference to
committees.

(5.) While the several committees are preparing their reports, new business may be acted upon; and if any subject is brought forward requiring a reference to any standing or special committee, it shall be so referred forthwith.

All committees shall report as soon as convenient after their appointment, except as provided in Art. I, Sec. 18, (4) *f* and *h*.

Speak but once.

(6.) No Sir Knight shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, except to explain the meaning of some of his remarks, *unless* by special permission of the Grand Encampment first obtained.

Election of
officers.

(7.) The Grand Encampment shall proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing three years, immediately after the opening of the first session, on the third day following the commencement of the Triennial Conclave.

SEC. 19. No person shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Encampment unless he shall be at the time a member thereof and also a member of a Subordinate Commandery. Eligibility to office.

SEC. 20. At every Conclave all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the vote is equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. Majority of votes to govern. Casting vote.

SEC. 21. The first three officers of each Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, or as many of them as may be present, shall be entitled collectively to one vote in all of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment. Commanderies under Grand Encampment one vote.

SEC. 22. This Grand Encampment being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, admits an appeal to be taken by any member from the decision of the Chair on any question under consideration therein: *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be sustained unless two-thirds of all the members present shall vote therefor. Appeal allowed from decision of Chair.

This rule is adopted for this Grand Encampment alone, and is not to be construed as establishing a precedent for the guidance of any other Templar body. Confined to Grand Encampment.

SEC. 23. The Grand Master, at each Triennial Conclave, may cause an exemplification of the work appertaining to the Orders of Knighthood before the Grand Encampment; and shall correct, officially, all irregularities and discrepancies that exist. Grand Master to exemplify the work.

ARTICLE II.

GRAND COMMANDERIES—HOW CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 1. (1.) Whenever there shall be three or more Subordinate Chartered Commanderies instituted or holden under this Grand Encampment, in any one State, District or Territory, in which there is no Grand Commandery, a Grand Commandery may be formed by virtue of the Warrant of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Upon warrant of Grand Master.

(2.) *If the Grand Encampment shall approve of the formation of such Grand Commandery a formal Charter shall be issued.* Charter.

Jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. The jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery shall be the territorial limits in which it is holden, except that the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is recognized as holding jurisdiction over both of those States.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 3. A Grand Commandery consists of the following members :

Officers.

- (1.) The Grand Commander,
 The Deputy Grand Commander,
 The Grand Generalissimo,
 The Grand Captain-General,
 The Grand Senior Warden,
 The Grand Junior Warden,
 The Grand Treasurer,
 The Grand Recorder,
 The Grand Prelate,
 The Grand Standard-Bearer,
 The Grand Sword-Bearer,
 The Grand Warder, *all of whom shall be elected by ballot, and—*
 The Grand Captain of the Guard, *who shall be appointed by the Grand Commander.*

What Past Grand Officers are members.

- (2.) All Past Grand Commanders,
 All Past Deputy Grand Commanders,
 All Past Grand Generalissimos, and—
 All Past Grand Captains-General, of the same Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

Members from Subordinate Commanderies.

- (3.) The Commander,
 The Generalissimo, and—
 The Captain-General of each Subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

Past Commanders and Past Commanders of another State.

- (4.) All Past Commanders of the Subordinate Commanderies working under the same Grand Commandery, and such Past Commanders as may

have dimitted from another jurisdiction and have been elected to membership in the jurisdiction where they reside—so long as they remain members of Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

TITLES.

SEC. 4. The title and designation of the Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery is *Right Eminent*. Titles of Officers.

That of Deputy Grand Commander, *Very Eminent*.

Of the remaining officers of the Grand Commandery, *Eminent*.

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 5. (1.) Each Grand Commandery shall hold a regular Conclave annually, at such time and place as it may direct. Regular Conclaves.

(2.) Special Conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander; and it shall be his duty, upon the request of a majority of the Commanderies to him directed in writing, to call a special Conclave. Special Conclaves.

(3.) No business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave except that which was specified in the original summons. What business shall be transacted.

POWERS AND DUTIES.

SEC. 6. (1.) Each Grand Commandery, at its Annual Conclave, shall review and consider all the official reports of its officers, and the proceedings of its subordinates, for the preceding year. Powers of Grand Commanderies.

(2.) It shall elect by ballot its several officers, except the Grand Captain of the Guard. Elect Officers. Exception.

(3.) It shall have power to adopt such Rules and Edicts, subordinate to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, as may be necessary for the good of the Order. Adopt Rules and Edicts.

(4.) It shall possess authority—

Proportions of
sums received,
etc.

(a.) To require from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such proportion of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders ;

Annual Dues.

(b.) Also such sums, in the form of annual dues from their respective members, as may be necessary for supporting the Grand Commandery.

Examine ac-
counts.

(5.) It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

Supervise fin-
ances.

(6.) It shall supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Commandery.

Grant Dispen-
sations.

(7.) It may grant or withhold Dispensations and Charters for new Commanderies, and that without the recommendation of the nearest Commandery ; the fee therefor shall be not be less than one hundred dollars.

Fee for.

Revoke Char-
ters.

(8.) It may revoke any existing Charter or Dispensation.

Assign juris-
dictional limits.

(9.) It may assign the limits of Subordinate Commanderies within its own jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.

To consider
matters in gen-
eral.

(10.) And, finally, it shall consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of Templar Masonry, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Annual Dues
of five cents to
Grand Encamp-
ment.

SEC. 7. (1.) The Grand Commanderies, in such manner as they may respectively determine, shall annually collect and pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment an amount equal to *five cents* for each Sir Knight returned as a member of their respective Subordinate Commanderies at the Conclave of the Grand Commandery preceding *July* the first in each year, except in the Triennial year, when this duty shall be performed or or before June 1st.

When and to
whom sent.

(2.) This fund, with the Returns of the Grand Commandery, shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder of the

Grand Encampment on *or before* the first day of July in Close of fiscal year. each year.

THE GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 8. (1.) The Grand Commander shall have a watchful supervision over all the Subordinate Commanderies under his jurisdiction, and see that the Constitution, Rituals, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Rules and Edicts of his own Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly observed. Duties of Grand Commander.

(2.) He shall appoint all committees and all officers not made elective, and shall fill all vacancies which may occur in any of the elective offices, except Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo, to serve during the pleasure of the Grand Commander or until their successors shall have been elected and installed. Appoint committees and officers.

(3.) He shall have the power and authority, during the recess of the Grand Commandery, to grant letters of Dispensation for the holding of a Commandery, of "the indispensable number;" and to nine or more petitioners residing within his jurisdiction, and possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Commandery. Grant Dispensations.

(4.) Such Dispensation shall be in force no longer than the next Annual Conclave of his Grand Commandery. Term of.

(5.) But no Letters of Dispensation for constituting a new Commandery shall be issued, save upon the recommendation of the Commandery in the same territorial jurisdiction nearest the location of the new Commandery prayed for. Recommendation of nearest Commandery necessary.

(6.) If the new Commandery is to be stationed in a city where there is more than one Commandery, two of those located in such city must recommend the petition. Commanderies in cities.

(7.) During the recess of his Grand Commandery he may suspend from the functions of his office any officer of the Grand or of a Subordinate Commandery, or arrest the Charter or Dispensation of a Commandery; but in neither case shall such suspension affect the standing in the Order of such officer, or of his membership in the Commandery. And he shall report his action in full to the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery for its final action. May suspend from office.

Visit Com-
manderies.

(8.) He may visit and preside in any Commandery within the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Rituals, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Rules and Edicts of his Grand Commandery.

Attend meet-
ings of Grand
Encampment.

(9.) It is his duty to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment, and to see that the Grand Recorder *promptly* discharges the duty enjoined in Section 5 (1) (2).

THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

Duties of
Deputy.

SEC. 9. (1.) The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal, *absence from the jurisdiction*, mental or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery.

Attend meet-
ings of Grand
Encampment.

(2.) It is his duty to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

Succession of
office.

SEC. 10. (1.) In case of the absence, *death, removal, or disability* of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General shall severally act as Grand Commanders, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

Attend meet-
ings.

(2.) It is their duty to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

THE GRAND TREASURER.

Invest funds.

SEC. 11. (1.) *The Grand Treasurer, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Commandery, shall invest, from time to time, all such moneys as may come into his hands belonging to the Grand Commandery over and above the sum of three hundred dollars, in such way as he may judge most to the interest of the Grand Commandery, but subject to call on 30 days' notice; and the same shall be at his*

command on the first day of the month preceding the annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

(2.) *He shall render to the Grand Commandery, at its annual Conclave, a true and perfect account of his doings in this respect, together with an account of all moneys received and the earnings thereof accrued from investments, and the amounts disbursed by him during the vacation, and shall submit his books for inspection by the Finance Committee. He shall transmit a copy of his accounts to the Grand Commander by the first day of the month preceding the annual Conclave. He shall pay out no money except upon the warrant or order of the Grand Commander attested by the Grand Recorder and in pursuance of an appropriation voted by the Grand Commandery.*

Render account annually.

Send account to Grand Commander.

Make no payments except upon vote of Grand Commandery.

THE GRAND RECORDER.

(3.) *The Grand Recorder shall issue a notice to each member of the Grand Commandery to attend the regular and special Conclaves. In the notice to the special Conclaves he shall include a statement of the business to be brought before the Grand Commandery. And he shall issue a summons when directed by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery.*

Issue notices.

(4.) *He shall keep correct minutes of the transactions of the Grand Commandery, and shall cause the same to be printed under the directions of the Grand Commandery.*

Keep minutes.

(5.) *He shall collect and receive all the revenues of the Grand Commandery, except interest on investments, and pay over the amount to the Grand Treasurer when it reaches the sum of one hundred dollars.*

Collect and pay revenues.

(6.) *The Grand Recorder shall make an annual communication to the Grand Recorder of each of the other Grand Commanderies; likewise to the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.*

Send reports.

(7.) *Said communication shall embrace the roll of Grand Officers, and such other matters as may give information as to the condition of the Order in his jurisdiction, or may conduce to the general good of the Order.*

To make Re-
turns to Grand
Recorder of
Grand
Encampment.

(8.) He shall forward to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the first day of July of each year, the Annual Returns and Dues for his Grand Commandery, except in the Triennial year, when these duties must be performed on or before June 1st.

Send By-Laws.

(9.) He shall also annually transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States copies of all the printed Proceedings, and of the Statutes, Rules and Edicts adopted by his Grand Commandery.

Charge of seal.

(10.) *He shall have charge of the Seal of the Grand Commandery, and shall, under such Seal, attest all papers requiring the same.*

GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND RECORDER TO GIVE BONDS.

To give bonds.

SEC. 12. *The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall severally give bond, with sureties, in such form and to such an amount as shall from time to time be determined by the Grand Commander, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bonds and sureties, and who shall keep and preserve the same.*

THE REMAINING OFFICERS.

Duties of
other Officers.

SEC. 13. (1.) The duties of the remaining officers, as well as those above specified, shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or assigned to them by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery, and conforming as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment.

Succession by
seniority.

(2.) In the event of the absence, *death, or disability* of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, the Past Grand Officers, according to the rank and seniority of service, shall *assume the office and discharge the duties of Grand Commander.*

TENURE OF OFFICE.

Tenure of
office.

SEC. 14. The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

RULES OF ORDER, ETC.

SEC. 15. (1.) The Rules of Order in the Grand Commandery shall be analogous to those provided for the Grand

Encampment (Article I, Section 18) in so far as the same may be applicable.

(2.) No person shall be eligible to any office in a State Grand Commandery unless he shall be at the time a member *thereof*, and also a member of some Subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery. Eligibility to office.

(3.) At every Conclave all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. Majority of votes to determine.
Casting vote.

(4.) No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from the decision of a Grand Commander, *except* on questions arising as to the construction or effect of the Constitution, Rituals, or Statutes of the Grand Encampment or of the Rules and Edicts of the Grand Commandery. No appeal.

(5.) An appeal may be taken to the Grand Encampment from any decision or action of a Grand Commander, or of a Grand Commandery, on questions arising as to the Constitution or effect of the Constitution, Rituals, or Statutes of the Grand Encampment. Appeal to the Grand Encampment.

ARTICLE III.

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES—HOW CONSTITUTED.

SECTION 1. (1.) Each Grand Commandery shall have exclusive power *to constitute new Commanderies* within its jurisdiction, and it shall have power to ordain and prescribe regulations for their government: *Provided, however*, They are not in conflict with the Constitution, Rituals, Code of Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Encampment. Grand Commanderies to constitute.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

(2.) A Subordinate Commandery consists of the following members :

(1.) The Commander, Officers.
 The Generalissimo,
 The Captain-General,

The Senior Warden,
 The Junior Warden,
 The Treasurer,
 The Recorder,
 The Prelate,
 The Standard-Bearer,
 The Sword-Bearer, and—
 The Warder:

All of whom shall be elected by ballot.

Members. (3.) And as many members as may be found convenient for work and discipline.

TITLE.

Title. SEC. 2. The title and designation of the Commander of a Subordinate Commandery is *Eminent*.

CONCLAVES.

Stated Conclaves. SEC. 3. (1.) The Stated Conclaves of a Subordinate Commandery shall be held at least quarterly, at such time and place as may be specified in the Charter, or designated in the By-Laws of the Commandery.

Special Conclaves. (2.) Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander; *and shall be called upon the written request of five members.*

Business at Special Conclaves. (3.) No business shall be transacted at the Special Conclaves except that which was specified in the notice or summons.

POWERS AND DUTIES.

To be enrolled under Grand Commandery. SEC. 4. (1.) Upon the formation of a Grand Commandery all Commanderies within the territorial jurisdiction must enroll themselves under such Grand Commandery, have their Charters endorsed or their Dispensations extended, and shall respect and obey the laws and regulations of such Grand Commandery.

Questions—how determined. (2.) At every Conclave all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote.

Casting vote.

(3.) No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from the decision of the Commander, *except upon questions arising as to the Constitution or effect of the Constitution, Rituals, or Statutes of the Grand Encampment, or of the Rules and Edicts of the Grand Commandery; from which decision an appeal may be taken to the Grand Commandery; or to the Grand Encampment when the Commandery is under its immediate jurisdiction.* No appeal.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. The several officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed, and shall discharge the duties incumbent upon such officers as defined in Art. II, Secs. 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and as hereinbefore set forth. Tenure of office.

THE COMMANDER.

SEC. 6. (1.) The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Statutes, Rituals, Rules and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Rules and Edicts of his Grand Commandery. Duties of Commander.

(2.) That accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered. Records.

(3.) That regular returns are made to the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. Returns made, etc.

(4.) It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain-General, to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment when under its immediate jurisdiction, or of the Grand Commandery where there is one having jurisdiction over them. Attend meetings of Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery.

SEC. 7. In the event of the absence, death, or disability of the first three officers of the Commandery, the Past Commanders, according to seniority of service, shall assume the office and discharge the duties of Commander. Seniority in succession.

THE TREASURER.

SEC. 8. (1.) *The Treasurer, unless otherwise directed by the Commandery, shall invest from time to time all such* Invest funds.

moneys as may come to his hands belonging to the Commandery, in such way as he may judge most to the interest of the Commandery, but subject to call on thirty days' notice.

Render account. (2.) *He shall render to the Commandery annually a true and perfect account of his doings in this respect, together with an account of all moneys received and earnings thereof accrued from investments, and the amounts disbursed by him; and shall submit his books for inspection by the Finance Committee. He shall pay out no money except upon the Warrant or Order of the Commander attested by the Recorder, and in pursuance of an appropriation voted by the Commandery.*

Pay only on warrant.

THE RECORDER.

Issue notices. SEC. 9. (1.) He shall issue a notice to attend the regular and special Conclaves; and in the notice for special Conclaves he shall, under the direction of the Commander, insert notice of the business to be transacted.

Summons. (2.) He shall also issue a summons when directed by the Commander or Commandery.

Keep minutes. (3.) He shall keep correct minutes of all the transactions of the Commandery.

Collect and pay. (4.) He shall collect and receive all dues or assessments and revenues of his Commandery, and shall promptly pay the same over to the Treasurer.

Charge of seal. (5.) He shall have charge of the Seal of his Commandery, and shall affix it to all papers requiring the same.

Report annually. (6.) He shall report annually to the Grand Recorder the roll of officers and members, and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order. He shall also regularly transmit to the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery copies of all the By-Laws and regulations adopted by his Commandery, and he shall accompany said report with the amount of dues to the Grand Commandery.

Books to be audited. (7.) He shall submit his books to an examination whenever required to do so by his Commandery or by the Grand Commandery.

(8.) When the Commandery is under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, shall make the reports and returns provided for to the Grand Master or to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery. Report to Grand Encampment.

TREASURER AND RECORDER TO GIVE BONDS.

SEC. 10. The Treasurer and Recorder shall severally give bonds, with sureties, in such form and amount as shall, from time to time, be determined by the Commander, who shall judge and approve of the sufficiency of such bonds and sureties, and who shall keep and preserve the same. Give bonds.

ARTICLE IV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COMMANDERY TO HAVE DISPENSATION OR CHARTER.

SECTION 1. Every Commandery shall have a Dispensation or Charter, and no Commandery shall be deemed legal without such Dispensation or Charter. Commanderies must have a Dispensation or Charter.

SEC. 2. All Templar communication is interdicted between any Commandery working under the general or special jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, or any member thereof, and any Commandery or member of such that may be formed, opened, or holden in any State, District, or Territory without such Dispensation or Charter. Templar communication interdicted.

SEC. 3. Petitions for the Orders or for membership can be received and acted on only at stated Conclaves; nor can they be acted on in less than four weeks from their presentation without a special Dispensation, in either case, by the Grand Master, or Grand Commander, respectively. Petitions only at stated Conclaves. Four weeks before ballot.

SEC. 4. It shall be deemed irregular for any Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood, or either of them, upon any sojourner, whose place of residence is within any State, District, or Territory in which there is a Commandery regularly at work, unless the consent of the Commandery having territorial jurisdiction, and of the Grand Commandery where there is one, is first obtained. Irregular to confer Orders on Sojourner.

Discipline for
violation.

SEC. 5. In the event of the violation of this interdict, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to knightly discipline, and be required to pay over to the Commandery having jurisdiction the amount of fees received for such admission.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS ONLY ELIGIBLE TO THE ORDERS.

Who eligible to
Orders.

SEC. 6. The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon any one who has not received the degree of Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction in which it was conferred.

No power to
change qualifi-
cations.

SEC. 7. No Grand or Subordinate Commandery has the right to add to, take from, or change the qualifications of candidates for the Orders of Knighthood and membership in a Commandery as prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

ORDER OF SUCCESSION.

Order of suc-
cession.

SEC. 8. The rule of succession in conferring the Orders shall be as follows: 1, Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross; 2, Knight Templar, and 3, Knight of Malta.

VOW OF OFFICE.

Vow of office.

SEC. 9. The officers of every Commandery, Grand and Subordinate, before entering upon the exercise of their respective offices, shall take the following vow, viz: "I (A. B.), do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Rituals, and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, [the Constitution, Edicts, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of this jurisdiction, and the By-Laws of this Commandery,] and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected (or appointed to the best of my ability."

The vow for officers of the Grand Encampment shall be the same, with the omission of the clause in brackets.

ASSESSMENTS, &C.

Power to levy.

SEC. 10. (1.) A Commandery has the right to levy and collect such annual dues and *pro rata* assessments as may be needed to pay the expenses of the body.

(2.) In the absence of any special law, a majority vote may determine the propriety of an assessment and the amount thereof: *Provided, however,* A member of a Subordinate Commandery may appeal to his Grand Commandery if he feels aggrieved by such assessment, and claims that it is in violation of Templar law. How levied.

(3.) No Subordinate Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than fifty dollars. Fee for Orders.

RECORDERS OF COMMANDERIES UNDER THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

SEC. 11. (1.) Recorders of Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment shall report annually to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the first day of July, the roll of his officers and members, and roll of his Commandery; Reports.

(2.) And accompany the same with the amount of dues to the Grand Encampment: *Provided,* That in the year in which the Grand Conclave is held these returns shall be made on or before June first. Pay dues.

(3.) For failure herein, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to knightly discipline. Penalty.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 12. (1.) When any one of the first three officers of a Grand Commandery or of a Subordinate Commandery shall be elected and installed as Grand Master, his rights and powers as such subordinate officer *ipso facto* cease, and the duties of the office shall devolve upon the officer next in rank. The same rule shall apply when such officer of a Commandery shall be elected and installed as Grand Commander, and the vacancy shall be filled in the following manner: Incompatible.

(2.) In case a vacancy shall occur in any office not provided for by Art. I, Secs. 5 and 6, and Art. II, Secs. 7 and 8, the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively, shall fill such office by *pro tem.* appointment. Succession of.

(3.) In case of the absence, death, removal, or incompetency of the Commander, the Generalissimo or Captain-General shall severally act as Commander according to

rank. In case of the disability, from any cause, of the Generalissimo, the Captain-General shall succeed to duties of the vacant post.

In case of vacancy.

(4.) If a vacancy shall occur in any of the offices, except when there is a constitutional right of succession, the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively, may authorize a special election to fill such vacancy upon the request to that effect by the Commandery.

AMENDMENTS.

Amendments.

SEC. 13. The Grand Encampment, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of its members present at any regular Conclave, may revise, amend, and alter this Constitution or the Rituals adopted by the Grand Encampment, and by a two-thirds vote of the members present may repeal, alter, or amend the Statutes or uniform :

Previous notice (and time) to the Grand Recorder, and included in summons.

Provided, however, That any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change of the Constitution, Statutes, or Rituals shall give notice thereof, in writing, to the Grand Recorder at least four months before the day on which the Grand Conclave shall be held at which such subject is to be discussed, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the notice of the Conclave; otherwise no such motion shall be entertained: *Provided also,* That if the Grand Recorder fails to give such notice, the proposed amendment may be called up by consent of three-fourths of the members present, and acted upon as if said notice had been made: *Provided further,* That any amendment proposed at the Stated Conclave of the Grand Encampment may be acted upon at the next Stated Conclave, whether inserted in the notice of the Grand Recorder or not, and the same may be considered in the absence of the proposer :

Provided further, That the proposed amendments may be modified in any manner by the Grand Encampment while the same is under consideration. No modification, however, shall be made not germane to the matter contained in the proposed amendment originally.

CODE OF STATUTES AND DIGEST OF TEMPLAR LAWS

OF THE

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TITLE I.—ADVANCEMENT.

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TITLE II.—AMENDMENTS.

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TITLE III.—APPEAL.

See Constitution, Art. I, Sec. 22 ; Art. II, Sec. 13 (4), (5) ;
Art. III, Sec. 4 (3).

SECTION 1. An expelled or suspended Knight has the Right of.
right of appeal to his Grand Commandery.

SEC. 2. The appeal of a Sir Knight from the action of Proper tribu-
the Commander of his Commandery lies to the Grand Com-
mandery, and not to the Grand Master, unless the Com-
mandery is under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand
Encampment.

SEC. 3. An appeal taken does not suspend the judgment Effect of.
appealed from.

SEC. 4. An appeal taken and abandoned leaves the judg- When aban-
ment in full force. doned.

SEC. 5. If the judgment appealed from be reversed, the Effect of re-
Knight who was under discipline is thereby restored to good versal.
standing and membership in his Commandery.

SEC. 6. If a Grand Commandery shall restore an ex- When restored
pelled or suspended Knight to good standing merely, the to good stand-
Grand Recorder shall give a certificate to that effect. ing.

Judgment may
be modified.

SEC. 7. A Grand Commandery, upon an appeal, may modify the judgment of its subordinates.

Appellant may
appear.

SEC. 8. A Grand Commandery acting upon an appeal may admit the appellant to argue his own case, although he may have been expelled by his Commandery.

Counsel.

SEC. 9. An accused may be represented by counsel at all stages of the trial: *Provided*, Such counsel shall be a Knight Templar in good standing.

When to
Grand Encamp-
ment.

SEC. 10. A decision of a Grand Commandery is final, and no appeal to the Grand Encampment can be taken *unless* the decision involves a construction of the Constitution, Code of Statutes or Edicts, or the accuracy of the Rituals prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

TITLE IV.—ABSENTEES—RIGHTS OF.

A member of a Commandery has a right to know all the transactions at the Conclaves of his Commandery, whether affecting himself or not.

TITLE V.—“ADJOURN.”

The Grand Encampment and Grand Commanderies “*adjourn*.” Subordinate Commanderies “close.”

See Title XI, Sec. 26, “Commanderies — How Conclaves Terminate.”

TITLE VI.—ASSESSMENTS.

Power to levy.

SECTION 1. A Commandery, Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment, respectively, has the right to levy and collect such *pro rata* assessments as may be needed to pay the expenses and promote the prosperity of the body.

How levied.

SEC. 2. In the absence of any special law, a majority vote may determine the propriety of an assessment and the amount thereof: *Provided, however*, A member of a Subordinate Commandery may appeal to his Grand Commandery if he feels aggrieved by such assessment, and claims that it is in violation of Templar law.

See Title XVII, Dues.

TITLE VII.—BALLOT.

SECTION 1. A ballot cannot be taken in less than four ^{When to be taken.} weeks after the presentation of the petition without a dispensation in writing from the Grand Commander.

See Title XL, PETITIONS.

SEC. 2. The ballot upon a petition for the Orders or for ^{Must be secret.} membership must be secret, and it must be sacred. The reason for casting a black ball cannot be disclosed or in- ^{Individual rights.} quired into.

SEC. 3. Every member present when a ballot is taken is ^{All must vote.} required to vote, unless excused by the Commandery before the balloting has commenced.

SEC. 4. A Commander may order one re-ballot before ^{Re-ballot, when.} the result of the ballot has been recorded, and before any member of the Commandery has left the Asylum ; but only when good cause is shown.

SEC. 5. When a Commander has reason to believe that ^{Mistake, how corrected if balls all fair.} there was a mistake in announcing the acceptance of a candidate, he may delay conferring the Orders until, by permission of the Grand Commander, a re-ballot is taken, first giving notice to all the members of the time when it will be taken.

SEC. 6. After a candidate has been declared rejected and ^{Re-ballot, prohibited, when.} the fact recorded, the ballot cannot be repeated, even to correct an alleged mistake.

See Sec. 17, Title XL.—PETITIONS—*When a rejected petition may be renewed.*

See Title XXXVIII.—*Objections* after ballot.

TITLE VIII.—BUSINESS.

See Constitution, Art. I, Sec. 18 ; Art. III, Sec. 49.

SECTION 1. All business of the Commandery must be ^{When and where transacted.} transacted in the Asylum and at a stated Conclave, or at a special Conclave, of which due notice of the meeting and of the business to be transacted shall have been given to each member of the Commandery. Arrangements for the funeral of a Knight may be made and the Orders may be conferred at special Conclaves.

TITLE IX.—BURIAL.

Funerals—See Title XI, Commanderies, Sec. 22, &c.

Ritual SECTION 1. When a Knight is buried by his Commandery, the burial ceremony approved by the Grand Encampment in 1859 must be observed.

Right of. SEC. 2. An unaffiliated Knight Templar is not entitled to the honors of Knightly burial.

Escort duty. SEC. 3. A Commandery may perform escort duty at the burial of a Knight by his Lodge, when so requested; but it is not proper for a Commandery, as escort, to attend the funeral of any one who is not buried with Masonic ceremonies.

Only for Knights Templar. SEC. 4. A Commandery cannot appear in public at the funeral of any other than a Knight Templar without permission of the Grand Master or Grand Commander.

TITLE X.—BY-LAWS.

See Titles “Commanderies,” XI; “Dues,” XVII; “Red Cross,” XLV.

When made. SECTION 1. After a Commandery has been chartered and constituted, it is for the first time invested with the power to enact By-Laws for its government.

How approved. SEC. 2. By-Laws must be approved by the Grand Encampment or by the Grand Commandery, respectively, and not by the Grand Master or Grand Commander.

Amendments, how made. SEC. 3. When the By-Laws of a Commandery prescribe the mode by which alterations and amendments thereof may be made, these rules must be observed, and all amendments or alterations otherwise made are illegal.

TITLE XI.—COMMANDERIES.

See Constitution, Art. III.

See Title XVII, Dues; Title XLIII, Quorum.

Petitioners need not dimit. SEC. 1. Petitioners for a new Commandery need not dimit from their respective Commanderies; but *non-*

affiliated petitioners must file their dimits with the Grand Recorder. Filing dimits.

See Title "*Membership, Petitions,*" etc.

SEC. 2. Any affiliated signer of the petition for a Dispensation, by consent of the officer granting the same and of the Commandery, may dissolve his connection with it before a charter has been granted; and, thereupon, his membership revives in his old Commandery. Petitioners may resume former membership.

SEC. 3. When a Dispensation for a new Commandery has been refused for any cause, the matter can be revived only by a new petition. When new petition necessary.

SEC. 4. A Commandery requires no Dispensation or permission to change to a "Mounted Commandery." Mounted Commandery.

SEC. 5. No Dispensation or Charter can be granted to organize a travelling or itinerant Commandery. Travelling Commandery.

UNDER DISPENSATION.

SEC. 6. A Commandery under Dispensation cannot be constituted. It cannot enact By-Laws. It cannot be represented in a Grand Body. Not to be constituted.

SEC. 7. It can be constituted only by the Grand Master, or the Grand Commander, or his duly appointed proxy.

See Const., Art. I, Sec. 4 (7).

See "Funds of."

See Charter.

SEC. 8. A Commandery U.: D.: requires no formal proceedings in order to commence work. The members assemble and proceed as if regularly constituted. When may work.

SEC. 9. Their officers ordinarily hold office during the continuance of the Dispensation; but the Grand Master [or Grand Commander] has the power to relieve an officer and appoint another. Officers of.

SEC. 10. Except as above specified, it has the same rights and powers as a chartered Commandery. Jurisdiction of.

SEC. 11. Knights created in a Commandery U.: D.: are members thereof, and sustain the exact relation to that Com- Status of Knights created in.

mandery and to other Templars which is sustained by those knighted in chartered Commanderies.

What creates. SEC. 12. A Commandery is created by the grant of a Charter, which is the proper evidence of the fact, and becomes effective only when the Commandery shall have been constituted under it.

See title "*Charter—(1.) Necessity of warrant of Grand Master.*"

Charter members. SEC. 13. The petitioners for Dispensation become charter members when a charter is granted unless they have severed their connection with the Commandery U.: D.: as hereinbefore provided, or their names are omitted from the Charter by action of the Grand Encampment or the Grand Commandery: *Provided, however,* That no such petitioner shall be a charter member unless he shall have paid all of his dues to the Commandery to which he last belonged.

When to be constituted. SEC. 14. No Commandery shall be constituted until it is provided with a suitable Asylum properly furnished.

Report to be made. SEC. 15. When constituted, report thereof should be made to the Grand Master or Grand Commander (as the case may be) and the Grand Recorder.

See Petitions.

Officers, when to be installed. SEC. 16. The officers can only be installed after the Commandery shall have been duly constituted in the presence of at least nine of its members.

When members of the Grand Commandery. SEC. 17. The officers of a Commandery which has not been constituted are not members of the Grand Commandery and cannot vote therein, although the Charter of their Commandery has been issued.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

What Grand Commandery subordinate to. SEC. 18. A Subordinate Commandery cannot be under the authority of, or belong to, any Grand Commandery but the one having jurisdiction over the State, Territory, or District in which it is located.

Failure to meet, effect of. SEC. 19. A Commandery failing to meet for twelve consecutive months forfeits all of its rights as a Commandery, and its Charter shall be arrested.

SEC. 20. If a Grand Commandery should dissolve, its Subordinates do not for that cause cease to exist, but pass at once under the immediate authority of the Grand Encampment.

Effect of dissolution of Grand Commandery.

SEC. 21. Commanderies shall not appear in public, as such, without a Dispensation, except upon funeral occasions.

In public, when.

See Title IX, Burial.

SEC. 22. When Commanderies appear in public, in their own State or out of it, they are under the immediate authority of the Grand Commander if he chooses to assume the command. If he is not present, the officer upon whom under the Constitution his duties devolve may act in his place. But all are under the authority of the Grand Commander in whose jurisdiction they may at the time be.

Who in command.

SEC. 23. When a Commandery appears in public, it must be in Templar uniform.

SEC. 24. The determination of what is a proper occasion for a Commandery to appear in public belongs to the Grand Encampment or the Grand Commandery, the Grand Master or the Grand Commander.

"Masonic occasion," how determined.

See Install Officers, Title XXIX.

Jurisdiction of.—See Title "*Jurisdiction*," XXX.

SEC. 25. Subordinate Commanderies "close;" they do not "call off" or "adjourn," but they may close to meet on another day to finish business that is pending.

Commanderies "close."

See Title "Adjourn," V.

Charter must be present.—See Title "Charter," XII.

Uniform of.—See Title "*Uniform*," LIII.

Orders—where conferred.—See Title "*Business*," VIII; Title XLII, "Qualifications for Orders."

TITLE XII.—CHARTER, &C.

See Constitution, Art. I, Sec. 6 (5) and (6), and Art. II, Sec. 6 (7).

SECTION 1. A Grand Commandery cannot be constituted without the Warrant of the Grand Master, and when the

Grand Master's warrant necessary.

action of the Grand Master shall have been approved by the Grand Encampment a charter shall be issued to said Grand Commandery.

Officers not to
be named in.

SEC. 2. It is not proper to name the officers in the Charter of a new Commandery.

SEC. 3. A Subordinate Commandery cannot be constituted without a duly executed Charter.

Custodian of.

SEC. 4. The Commander, and no other, is the legal custodian of the Charter of his Commandery.

Loss of.

SEC. 5. If a Commandery should lose its Charter, the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively, upon satisfactory proof, shall direct the Grand Recorder to issue a duplicate Charter.

Must be present.

SEC. 6. The Dispensation or Charter of a Commandery must always be present at the opening and throughout the Conclave.

When surrendered.

SEC. 7. No Commandery can surrender its Charter so long as there are nine members of the Commandery who desire and are able to work under said Charter, according to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery.

When it be arrested, etc., see Constitution, Art. I, Secs. 2 (7), 4 (6); Art. II, Sec. 6 (8); Art. II, Sec. 7 (7).

Status of members.

SEC. 8. When the Charter of a Commandery shall have been surrendered, or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall, upon payment of their dues to the Grand Commandery, be entitled to a certificate of good standing from the Grand Recorder having charge of the books and effects of the Commandery.

May be restored.

SEC. 9. A Charter, surrendered or arrested, cannot be used to form a new Commandery, but may be restored to the former members in good Templar standing, who are unaffiliated, by a vote of the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery.

Not to be constituted again.

SEC. 10. In this case it is not proper to constitute the Commandery again.

TITLE XIII.—CORRESPONDENCE.

SECTION 1. It is proper for the Grand Master to corre- ^{Through staff officer.}
spond through one of his staff with a Grand Commander.

SEC. 2. Correspondence between subordinates of different <sup>Between Sub-
ordinate Com-
manderies.</sup>
Grand Commanderies must be forwarded through their
respective Grand Commanders.

SEC. 3. Correspondence between a Commandery under <sup>Between Sub-
ordinates of G.
E. and of Grand
Commandery.</sup>
the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment and a
Subordinate to a Grand Commandery must be through the
Grand Master and the Grand Commander.

SEC. 4. Complaints and all correspondence must be ad- <sup>Complaint as
to E. C. first by
transmittance.</sup>
dressed in the first instance to the Commander, and through
him to the Grand Commander, and through him to the
Grand Master, if the latter has any jurisdiction in the case.
But a Past Grand Commander and all officers of a Grand ^{P. G. Cs., etc.}
Commandery may communicate directly with the Grand
Commander. In case the proper officer refuses or neglects
to forward communications as herein provided, he com-
plainant may transmit the same directly to the superior
officer.

A member of a Commandery under the immediate juris- <sup>Subordinates
of G. E.</sup>
diction of the Grand Encampment, in applying to the Grand
Master for a decision, must do so through his Commander.

TITLE XIV.—DEBATE.

When the presiding officer wishes the debate to close he ^{How closed.}
rises, and that ends the discussion.

TITLE XV.—DECISIONS.

SECTION 1. The decisions of a Grand Commander are ^{When binding.}
binding on his subordinates as soon as known; and an of-
ficer who has positive knowledge of such decision is as much
bound by it as if it had been delivered directly to him.

SEC. 2. The decision of a Grand Commander, which his <sup>Disapproved
by G. Cy., be-
comes void.</sup>
Grand Commandery refuses to approve, is of no binding
force after such refusal.

TITLE XVI.—DIMITS.

How granted. SECTION 1. A member of a Commandery is entitled to a dimit without a vote of the Commandery upon request presented in open Commandery: *Provided*, His dues shall have been paid and no charges are pending against him.

Effect of. And this severs the membership, whether a certificate issues or not.

See Titles "*Rank*," XLIV; "*Burial*," IX.

Application in writing. SEC. 2. Application for a dimit must be made in writing, signed by the member desiring it.

TITLE DISPENSATION—WHO MAY GRANT. See *Const.*
Art. I, Secs. 2 (6), 4 (5); Art. II, Secs. 4 (5), 6 (3).

TITLE XVII.—DUES.

TO GRAND ENCAMPMENT.—See *Const.*, Art. II, Secs. 6 (4) and 7; Art. IV, Sec. 10.

How amount determined. SECTION 1. Such dues may be collected from the members as the majority of the Commandery may determine.

Members cannot be exempt. SEC. 2. A Commandery cannot exempt a member from all yearly dues by a vote to that effect, or by electing him an honorary member. But a Subordinate Commandery may

Commandery may donate amount of. donate to an impoverished member a sum sufficient to meet his arrears to the Commandery, when not inconsistent with the By-Laws of the Commandery.

When not liable. SEC. 3. A member of an extinct Commandery is not liable for dues after the Commandery becomes extinct. But

Grand Commandery may collect from members of an extinct Commandery. the Grand Commandery has the right to collect from members of an extinct Commandery all dues chargeable against them up to the time it became extinct, and to discipline those who refuse or neglect to pay the same.

Dues of a member of a Commandery U. D., and also of a chartered Commandery. SEC. 4. When a member of a chartered Commandery becomes a member of a Commandery U. D. he shall not be liable for dues to the former, pending the application for a Charter.

Penalty for non-payment. SEC. 5. A Commandery may enact a by-law fixing annual dues, and providing that members in arrears for two years shall be ineligible to office and not entitled to vote, but

the disqualifications may be removed on payment of arrearages and by a majority vote.

SEC. 6. But a member can be disfranchised only after Trial requisite.
due trial.

SEC. 7. A Commandery may enact a by-law providing Life members may be exempt.
that a member, upon the payment of a fixed sum of money, may become a life member and thereafter be exempt from annual dues.

TITLE XVIII.—ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. All elections in Templar bodies must be How held.
by ballot.

SEC. 2. Blanks are not votes, and cannot be considered Blanks void.
as such.

TITLE XIX.—COMMANDER.

See *Constitution*, Art. III, Sec. 6.

SECTION 1. A Commander, or the officer acting as such, May be suspended by G. C.
in his own State, or out of it with his Commandery, may be suspended by his Grand Master or Grand Commander; and this suspension continues until revoked by the Grand Encampment or by the Grand Commander, or reversed by trial. But suspension from office does not affect his mem- Effect of.
bership in his Commandery.

SEC. 2. A Commander cannot be tried by his own Com- Trial of.
mandery, but by the Grand Commandery, or by the Grand Encampment where there is no Grand Commandery.

See Title "*Trials*," LII.

TITLE XX.—EXTINCT COMMANDERIES.

See Titles "*Commanderies*, XI—(*Failure to Meet*, Sec. How may become so.
20); *Charter—When Surrendered*," etc.

See Title "*Charter*, XII—(*Surrendered and Restored*," How revived.
Secs. 7 and 9).

Status and
rights of mem-
bers.

SECTION 1. When a Commandery has ceased to exist, its members may join another Commandery, upon petition, and certificate from the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment or of the Grand Commandery holding the Charter and papers of the extinct Commandery, that his standing therein was good when said Commandery ceased to exist.

Funds, etc., of.

SEC. 2. The funds and property of an extinct Commandery become the property of the Grand Encampment or of the Grand Commandery, which may make such disposition thereof as it deems proper.

Cannot be re-
vived.

SEC. 3. When a Commandery U.: D.: ceases to exist, it cannot be revived.

TITLE XXI.—EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION, &C.

Effect of.

SECTION 1. The suspension or expulsion of a Knight by the Grand Encampment, by his Grand Commandery, or by his Commandery, for whatever cause, deprives him of membership in the Commandery, and of all the rights and privileges of Knighthood so long as the judgment remains in force.

By Lodge or
Chapter.

SEC. 2. Expulsion or suspension from his *Masonic rights* by his Lodge or Chapter deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order.

Certificate from
Lodge, etc.

SEC. 3. In such case a certificate from the Lodge or Chapter, of its action, should be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery, and a minute should be made of the reception of such certificate, and of its legal effect, to wit: that the Knight is thereby divested of his Knightly rank and of all its privileges.

What must
show.

SEC. 4. The certificate from the Lodge or Chapter must show not only the fact of suspension or expulsion, but also that the body had jurisdiction.

Absence of
certificate, how
to proceed.

SEC. 5. If a certificate of the facts cannot be obtained from the secretary of the Lodge or Chapter, they may be proved by oral testimony; and in such cases it must appear

that the Lodge or Chapter had jurisdiction, and the same entry of the legal effect should be made as required in Section 3.

SEC. 6. When the expulsion or suspension is made or confirmed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, as the case may be, the Commandery cannot go behind the record or adjudicate upon the question of jurisdiction.

Action by G. Lodge, etc., conclusive as to jurisdiction.

SEC. 7. The status of a Knight Templar in his Grand Commandery is not affected by his expulsion from *membership* by his Grand Lodge, so long as he remains a member in good standing in his own Lodge.

Status of a K. T. in his G. C'y. not affected by expulsion from membership by G. L., etc.

SEC. 8. Striking from the roll, or suspension for non-payment of dues, by the Lodge or Chapter, has the effect given to it by the laws of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction; it depends upon those laws whether all *Masonic rights* are taken away, or certain disabilities are incurred. Templar rights are taken away in the former case, but not necessarily in the latter.

Striking from the roll, etc.

Grand Lodge, etc., to construe effect of penalty imposed by Subordinates. Effect on K. T.

SEC. 9. Suspensions for non-payment of dues can be inflicted by the Commandery only after due notice to the delinquent to appear at the time it is proposed to act upon his case, and an opportunity to be heard in his defence; and any by-law providing for suspension without such notice and opportunity is illegal and void.

Non-payment of dues to Commandery; proceedings.

SEC. 10. When members of a Commandery are summoned to show cause why they should not be suspended, and do not appear, the Commander cannot declare them suspended until the Commandery has so voted.

Final action by Commandery.

SEC. 11. Suspension by Lodge or Chapter does not deprive his Commandery of jurisdiction to try him for other offences committed either before or after his suspension.

Jurisdiction over suspended K. T.

HOW RESTORED.

SEC. 12. A Knight who has been expelled by his Commandery may be restored by a two-thirds vote to good standing.

By $\frac{2}{3}$ vote after expulsion.

SEC. 13. If suspended by his Commandery, a majority vote will restore to good standing.

By majority vote after suspension.

To membership,
how effected.

SEC. 14. In either case, of suspension or expulsion by his Commandery, the Knight can be restored to membership only upon petition and unanimous ballot.

When result of
action by Lodge,
etc., how re-
stored.

SEC. 15. When a member of a Commandery loses his good standing by being "stricken from the roll" by his Lodge or Chapter, and when his suspension or expulsion by the Commandery was the result of suspension (definite or indefinite) or expulsion by Lodge or Chapter, a certificate of his restoration in the body which disciplined him will restore him to good standing and membership in his Commandery.

Certificate of
restoration by
Commandery.

SEC. 16. When a suspended Sir Knight is restored to good standing, his Commandery should give him a certificate, stating that he had been a member, had been suspended [*not* stating the cause], and had been [at a given date] restored to good standing; and such certificate would be equivalent to a dimit.

STRIKING FROM THE ROLL.

Effect of.

SEC. 17. *Striking from the roll* is ordinarily not expulsion or suspension, but results in unaffiliation or non-affiliation merely; and if *striking from the roll*, under the law of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction, merely deprives the person of membership in his Lodge or Chapter, it has no effect upon the general standing of the Sir Knight, or his membership in his Commandery.

TITLE XXII.—FEES.

See Const., Art. IV, Sec. 3 (3).

Cannot be re-
mitted.

The fees for the Orders cannot be remitted, directly or indirectly, by vote of money to the candidate.

TITLE XXIII.—FOREIGN KNIGHTS.

Not Red Cross,
how admitted.

A Knight Templar created in a foreign jurisdiction, and who has not received the Order of Red Cross, may, at his examination, take the vow and have that Order communicated to him, and thereafter may be admitted to the Asylum.

FUNERAL.

See Title "*Burials*," IX.

See NON-AFFILIATES, XXXVI.

TITLE XXIV.—GOOD STANDING.

SECTION 1. A member of a Commandery is affected by ^{Standing af-} his *standing* in his Lodge and Chapter. ^{ected by Lodge}

SEC. 2. A candidate not in good standing in Lodge and Chapter is not eligible to receive the Orders of Knighthood.

SEC. 3. The forfeiture or surrender of the Charter does ^{Not affected} not, of itself, affect the good standing of the members. ^{by surrender of} ^{Charter.}

See Expulsion and Suspension, Membership, Non-Affiliates, Reinstatement, Restoration, Striking from the Roll.

TITLE XXV.—GRAND MASTER AND GRAND OFFICERS.

See *Constitution*, Art. I, Secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10).

GRAND ENCAMPMENT PARADES.—SEE PUBLIC PARADES.

TITLE XXVI.—GRAND COMMANDERIES.

GRAND COMMANDERY—HOW FORMED.—See *Constitution*, Art. II, Sec. 1.

SECTION 1. Each Subordinate Commandery should be represented, and there must be at least nine members present.

SEC. 2. Past Commanders may participate in the convention and be counted in making the required number of ^{Past Commander may participate.} Knights.

SEC. 3. When a Warrant is duly issued, a convocation of the representatives of at least three of the petitioning Commanderies is held; the Warrant of the Grand Master is read; credentials are examined and approved; a resolution is adopted agreeing to form a Grand Commandery; a Code of Statutes is adopted, and officers are elected and installed. ^{Method of procedure.} All of these proceedings must be entered upon the journal,

and due report thereof made to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

Rank of.

SEC. 4. The Commanderies rank according to the dates of their Charters; and in the absence of the Grand Master or his duly appointed proxy the Commander of the oldest Commandery is, by courtesy, entitled to command or preside until a Grand Commander is elected and installed.

Limit of membership.

SEC. 5. The membership of a Grand Commandery cannot be enlarged or restricted from that prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 6. The Grand Encampment has not prescribed the manner of receiving the officers of a Grand Commandery, and any regulation made by a Grand Commandery in relation thereto is binding on the members of its jurisdiction.

When Grand Commandery becomes extinct.

SEC. 7. A Grand Commandery once formed continues to exist as long as it has nine members; when the number of its constitutional members becomes less than nine it becomes extinct and its property and effects become the property of the Grand Encampment.

TITLE XXVII.—HEALING.

What it is.

SECTION 1. Healing consists in re-obligating the Knight and correcting what has been done amiss at his creation.

By whom.

SEC. 2. The Grand Encampment or the Grand Commandery in whose jurisdiction a Knight was irregularly created has power to heal him, or may authorize the Grand Master or Grand Commander so to do.

SEC. 3. This power may be delegated to a Subordinate Commandery or Commander.

Who cannot be healed.

SEC. 4. One Knighted in a clandestine manner or in a spurious Commandery cannot be healed.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

See Title XXXIV, "*Membership—(Honorary,*" Secs. 7, 8.

TITLE XXVIII.—INFORMATION.

How obtained.

Knights desiring information relative to any point in law or usage of Templar Masonry should apply to their Com-

mander ; the Commander, if necessary, shall apply to his Grand Commander, and the Grand Commander, in turn, to the Grand Master.

See TITLE CORRESPONDENCE, XIII.

TITLE XXIX.—INSTALL OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Grand Encampment shall be installed by the Grand Master, or by a Past Grand Master. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Grand Commander (by service) who may be present. Of Grand Encampment.

SEC. 2. The officers of a Grand Commandery may be installed by either of the first four officers of the Grand Encampment, by a Past Grand Master, by the Grand Commander, or by a Past Grand Commander. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Commander (by service) who may be present. Of Grand Commandery.

SEC. 3. The officers of a Subordinate Commandery may be installed by any permanent member of the Grand Encampment, by either of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, by the Commander, or by a Past Commander. The ceremony used in such case shall be that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in the "Forms for Installation." Of a Subordinate Commandery. Forms for.

SEC. 4. The officers of a new Commandery cannot be installed at the Conclave of the Grand Commandery at which the Charter is granted, unless the Commandery shall have first been legally constituted, and such officers shall have been duly elected. When to be.

SEC. 5. When installation is performed by one in office no special authority is required. When without special authority.

SEC. 6. When by a past officer, the commanding officer must be present authorizing it, or his written proxy must be produced. When by proxy.

SEC. 7. The officers to be installed cannot be represented by a proxy. Must be personally present.

Officers U. D. not to be. See Title XI, "Commanderies (under Dispensation," Sec. 7).

When by com-
mission.

SEC. 8. Officers-elect of the Grand Encampment, or of a Grand Commandery, who cannot be present at the regular time for installation, may be installed in such Commandery as the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, respectively, may designate.

SEC. 9. The Recorder of the Commandery in which such installation shall take place shall forthwith certify the fact to the Grand Recorder.

When not nec-
essary.

SEC. 10. It is not necessary for a re-elected officer to be installed, as he holds over, by virtue of his former election and installation, until his successor is installed.

When public.

SEC. 11. A Commandery may hold a public installation in its own Asylum without a special Dispensation from the Grand Commander.

When Dispen-
sation required.

SEC. 12. But such Dispensation is required in order to hold a public installation in any other place.

TITLE XXX.—JURISDICTION.

Boundaries of.

SECTION 1. In the absence of a Statute of the proper Grand Commandery, or of a Special Edict of the Grand Encampment, defining the limits of each Commandery, the jurisdiction thereof, whether chartered or under dispensation, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the next nearest Commandery: *Provided*, That in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State, Territory, or District in which it is located, unless the Grand Commandery having jurisdiction shall waive it in so far as relates to Territory nearer to a Commandery in another jurisdiction than to any one in its own jurisdiction.

Violation of.

SEC. 2. It is not lawful for a Commandery to confer the Orders upon any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Commandery without first obtaining the permission of such Commandery.

Over sojourn-
ers.

SEC. 3. When a petition for the Orders is received from a sojourner, or from one who has not resided for six months within the jurisdiction of the Commandery, it is the duty of

the Commandery receiving it to notify the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resided, and obtain its consent that jurisdiction shall be exercised over the petition and the petitioner. It shall be competent, in such cases, for a Commandery to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Commandery to confer the Orders upon one residing within its jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. A rejected candidate cannot apply to another Commandery without the consent, by a unanimous ballot, of the one by which he was rejected. Over rejected candidate.

SEC. 5. The same rule applies to an elected candidate who fails to present himself to receive the Orders. Over negligent

SEC. 6. Each Commandery has penal jurisdiction over all Knights non-affiliated, as well as affiliated, for violation of moral or Templar law within its territorial jurisdiction. Penal.

JURISDICTION FOR TRIAL. SEE "TRIAL."

TITLE XXXI.—JEWEL OF PAST GRAND MASTER.

The form of the Jewel described by engraving on page of the Proceedings of 1877 is adopted as the appropriate Jewel of a Past Grand Master of Knights Templar of this Grand Encampment.

Past Grand Master.

TITLE XXXII.—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. A Commandery can hold its Conclaves only in the place designated in its Dispensation or Charter. Where held.

SEC. 2. A Commandery may remove its Asylum from one house to another in the same place, by a vote of a majority of its members present at a stated Conclave, and after due notice of the proposed change. When change of place.

SEC. 3. If the regular Asylum of a Commandery, from any cause, becomes an unfit or improper place for holding the Conclaves, the Grand Commander may authorize them to be held elsewhere in the same town. When Asylum unfit.

TITLE XXXIII.—MEMBERSHIP IN GRAND ENCAMPMENT, &c.

SECTION 1. The election and installation of a Sir Knight as a Grand Commander makes him a member of the Grand Encampment. Grand Commanders ex-officio members.

Effect of non-affiliation.

SEC. 2. A member of the Grand Encampment forfeits all the rights of such membership by being unaffiliated.

Ibid.

SEC. 3. A member of a Grand Commandery forfeits all the rights of such membership by being unaffiliated.

Change of residence.

SEC. 4. A member of a Grand Commandery does not forfeit any of the rights of such membership by removing out of the jurisdiction, provided he maintains affiliation in a Commandery within the jurisdiction.

Lost by affiliating in another jurisdiction.

SEC. 5. But if he affiliates in another jurisdiction, he loses his membership in his own Grand Commandery, and does not acquire membership in that of his new affiliation until elected, as provided in Art. II, Sec. 3 (4), of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

See Title "Vote" LV (Sec. 1).

TITLE XXXIV.—MEMBERSHIP.

Who are members of a Commandery.

SECTION 1. Those to whom a Charter is issued, and those who receive the Order of the Temple in a Commandery, are *ipso facto* members thereof, whether such Commandery be chartered or under dispensation, except where the Orders have been conferred for and by request of another Commandery.

When in abeyance.

SEC. 2. After a Dispensation is granted to form a new Commandery, the membership of the Knights who petitioned therefor remains in abeyance as to the older Commanderies to which they belonged when signing the petition. They become active members of the Commandery while under dispensation, and when a Charter is granted, and the Commandery constituted, they continue to be mem-

When abeyance ends.

bers of the new Commandery, and cease to be members of the old ones, except such as may have withdrawn before the Charter was granted or whose names were omitted from said Charter as elsewhere provided.

Old membership, when resumed.

SEC. 3. If the Dispensation should be withdrawn, or a Charter refused, the Knights who petitioned therefor resume their membership in their former Commanderies without petition or other ceremony.

How old membership changed to new.

SEC. 4. When a Charter is granted, and the Commandery constituted, the Recorder of the new Commandery must

certify the fact to each Commandery to which any of the charter members belonged, and this will terminate their former affiliation.

SEC. 5. A Templar cannot be an active member of two ^{Active in but one Command-}Commanderies at the same time, although they are not in ^{ery.} the same State.

SEC. 7. A Commandery may elect as an honorary mem- ^{Honorary.}ber a member of another Commandery, but this honorary membership does not confer the right to vote, nor any rank or standing therein; nor does it create any liabilities for dues; it is merely complimentary.

SEC. 8. The election of a member by his Commandery as an honorary member thereof deprives him of none of the rights of active membership; nor does it relieve him from the payment of dues.

SEC. 9. A Commandery may adopt a by-law providing that a member, upon the payment of a fixed sum of money, may become a life member, and thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

SEC. 10. When a Templar, after suspension and restora- ^{How restored.}tion to good standing, applies for membership, he must do so by petition, setting forth that he had been a member of a Commandery, been suspended, and restored to good standing; such petition [if in the same Commandery] need not lie over, but may be acted upon at once.

See "Non-affiliates," XXXVI, "Rank," "Expulsion and Suspension."

TITLE XXXV.—MINUTES.

SECTION 1. At the close of every Conclave the minutes ^{Reading of.}shall be read, corrected, and approved; they should be entered on the record before the next stated Conclave, at which time the journal should be read, corrected, and approved by the Commandery and signed by the Recorder.

SEC. 2. To change from the Commandery to the Council, the ^{Form of entry.}proper entry is, "The Commandery of Knights Templar was then closed, and a Council of the Illustrious Order of Red Cross

was opened;" and to change the other way, the entry is, "The Council of Knights of Red Cross was closed, and a Commandery of Knights Templar opened."

TITLE XXXVI.—NON-AFFILIATION.

In Lodge, etc.,
no bar.

SECTION 1. Non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter does not prevent one otherwise qualified from petitioning for and receiving the Orders of Knighthood.

In Lodge, etc.,
no effect on
Knight Tem-
plar.

SEC. 2. By merely becoming non-affiliate in Lodge or Chapter, a Templar does not lose his standing in the Commandery.

Templar hon-
ors to.

SEC. 3. An unaffiliated Knight is not entitled to Templar honors; but the Commandery may grant them, or it may withhold them, at its discretion.

(1.) No person shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Encampment unless he shall be a member thereof, and also a member of a Subordinate Commandery.

(2.) Members of a Grand Commandery forfeit all their rights of such membership by being unaffiliated.

Effect of dimit, See Title IX, Sec. 2.

Cannot have Knightly burial.—See Title "Burial, IX, Sec. 2, *Right of*."

TITLE XXXVII.—OFFICERS.

Cannot be re-
quired to fill.

SECTION 1. A Templar cannot be forced to accept an office he is unwilling to fill.

Not named in
charter.

SEC. 2. Officers of a new Commandery should not be named in the Charter.

TITLE XXXVIII.—OBJECTION AFTER BALLOT.

To conferring
the Order of the
Red Cross.

SECTION 1. A member of a Commandery in good standing, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, may object to the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross upon an elected candidate, and cannot be required to disclose his reasons therefor; if he voluntarily discloses them he does not thereby deprive himself of his individual right, his insurmountable veto. When such objection is made, either in open Commandery or to the Commander, the Order of the Red Cross cannot be conferred; and the fact of objection alone, and not the name of the objector, shall be en-

tered on the minutes, and shall be equivalent to a rejection by ballot.

SEC. 2. An objection after ballot may be withdrawn before it has been entered on the minutes.

SEC. 3. No member of a Commandery, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, shall prevent or delay the conferring of the Order of the Temple upon any Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross by a mere objection; but every candidate once elected to receive the Orders in any Commandery, and who shall have been duly constituted a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, shall be entitled to the Order of the Temple, unless found unworthy after trial on charges duly presented. This section, however, shall not apply unless a notice of the Conclave at which the candidate was elected to receive the Orders shall have been sent to the objector, containing the information that the candidate's name would at that time be presented for ballot.

To conferring
the Order of the
Temple.

SEC. 4. The objector (except as provided in Sec. 3), in order to prevent or delay the conferring of the Order of the Temple on any such elected candidate who shall have been constituted a Companion of the Order of the Red Cross, shall be required to prefer written charges against him, which shall be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery. The said candidate shall be entitled to receive a copy of the charges so presented, and to be heard by counsel—the counsel being a Knight Templar—in his defence at an open trial.

Charges must
be preferred,
and procedure.

SEC. 5. Where charges shall be presented, the Order of the Temple cannot be conferred, unless the same be withdrawn or the candidate acquitted in the manner hereinbefore prescribed; and, when presented, the fact only that charges have been made shall be entered on the minutes, and not the name of the objector nor the nature of the charges. In case no objection shall be made nor any charges presented, the Commander may, in his discretion, delay the conferring of either of the Orders for one Conclave only.

Effect of.

Entry on minutes.

When Commander may
postpone Orders.

SEC. 6. Objections or charges against an elected candidate may be received from a visiting Knight, but shall not be considered by the Commandery except by a majority vote to that effect, or where, in consequence thereof, objection

By visiting
Knights.

shall be made or charges presented by a member of the Commandery, and in the manner hereinbefore stated.

When withdrawn.

SEC. 7. Charges against a Companion of the Order of the Red Cross may be withdrawn by consent of the Commandery before the commencement of the hearing thereon.

TITLE XXXIX.—ORDERS.

Where conferred.

A Commandery cannot confer the Orders upon a candidate elected by another Commandery, at the request of such other Commandery, without a Dispensation.

ELIGIBILITY TO. *See Constitution, Art. IV, Sec. 2 (21); Secs. 7, 8.*

TITLE XL.—PETITION FOR ORDERS.

SEE CONSTITUTION, ART. IV, SEC. 3; ART. IV, SEC. 64, § 5.

SEE TITLE JURISDICTION, XXX.

Form of.

SECTION 1. Every petition for the Orders of Knighthood shall declare the Lodge and Chapter in which the petitioner received the degrees, and shall state whether he has or has not been previously rejected by any Commandery.

See "Qualification," XLII.

SEC. 2. It shall also declare that the petitioner is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Constitution limits qualification.

SEC. 3. No Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, has the right to add to, or take from, the requirements prescribed by the Constitution and Code.

Must be signed.

SEC. 4. No petition can be received unless signed by the applicant in person, giving his full name, residence, and occupation.

But one applicant to sign a petition.

SEC. 5. No petition can be received which is signed by more than one applicant.

To be recommended.

SEC. 6. Each petition must be signed by two vouchers and recommenders, who are members of the Commandery to which the petition is presented.

To nearest Commandery.

SEC. 7. The petition must be presented to the Commandery nearest to the residence of the petitioner.

See "Jurisdiction," XXX.

SEC. 8. A Companion residing in any Territory in which there is no Commandery may apply to any Commandery for the Orders; but when there is a Commandery in such Territory he can apply elsewhere only by its permission.

When no Com-
mandery in
Territory.

SEC. 9. No ballot can be had upon a petition until after it has been referred to a committee of three members of the Commandery, and that committee has reported.

Must be re-
ferred.

See *Ballot*, VII.

SEC. 10. When a petition has been presented to a Com-mandery, it cannot be withdrawn unless it shall appear that the Commandery has not jurisdiction over the petitioner.

Cannot be
withdrawn.

SEC. 11. The report thereon must be in writing; and the fact of the report being made, and not its character (whether favorable or unfavorable), should be entered on the minutes.

Report not to be
recorded.

SEC. 12. An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases.

Unfavorable
report, effect of.

See *BALLOT*, VII.

SEC. 13. Petitions presented to a Commandery U.: D.: and not acted on may be considered and acted upon by the Com-mandery after it shall have been duly constituted.

Not acted on
by Command-
ery U. D.; effect.

SEC. 14. In case a favorable report shall have been made upon a petition to a Commandery U.: D.:, and no ballot had thereon before the constituting of the Commandery, the ballot may proceed as if the petition had been presented and reported on to a Commandery fully constituted.

Report, but no
ballot in Com-
mandery U. D.

SEC. 15. If an unfavorable report shall have been made on a petition to a Commandery U.: D.:, it shall have the same effect as if made to the Commandery when constituted.

Effect of ad-
verse report to
Commandery
U. D.

SEC. 16. The petition of one who has been rejected cannot be renewed until the expiration of at least six months after such rejection.

When may be
renewed.

SEC. 17. It may then be received by the Commandery in whose jurisdiction the petitioner then resides: *Provided*, The Commandery by which he was rejected consents to waive its jurisdiction.

Where.

PRESIDE—WHO MAY. See Constitution, Art. I, Sec. 4 (3); Art. II, Sec. 6 (8).

See *Constitution*, Art. I, Sec. 4; Art. II, Sec. 28.

Cannot be installed by.

Officers cannot be installed by.—See Title “*Install Officers when by proxy*,” Title XXIX, Sec. 6.

Installing officers may grant, when.—See Title “*Install Officers when by commission*,” Title XXIX, Sec. 8.

TITLE XLI.—PUBLIC PARADES AT GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

During Conclave.

SECTION 1. The Grand Encampment will accept no invitation to unite in a Templar parade during its Conclaves.

Limited to escort.

SEC. 2. It prohibits its members and all bodies of Templars from participating in any parade during such Conclaves, *except* to escort the Grand Encampment at the opening session of the Conclave.

TITLE XLII.—QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORDERS.

See “Petition,” Title XL.

Commandery to judge of, under rule.

SECTION 1. If the candidate can give all the signs, and go through all the ceremonies, he is eligible, and not otherwise;

More physical requirements than for Lodge, etc.

but the Commandery should be more exacting than the Lodge or Chapter, and the petitioner should be capable of enduring pilgrimage and warfare, and should not by his presence mar the symmetry of a parade.

See *Good Standing*, Title XXIV.

TITLE XLIII.—QUORUM.

What constitutes.

SECTION 1. A quorum in the Grand Encampment, Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an officer entitled to open the body.

Applies to Commandery, U. D.

SEC. 2. The law requiring nine members of the Commandery to be present in order to transact any business applies to Commanderies U.: D.:

No business without.

SEC. 3. In the absence of a quorum no business can be transacted; but a quorum being present, the vote of a less number is valid.

TITLE XLIV.—RANK.

SECTION 1. Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate, take rank according to the date of their several organizations unless any of them voluntarily waive their proper rank.. Of Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate.

SEC. 2. Election (or appointment) and installation are necessary to confer rank. Of officers.

SEC. 3. Present officers on duty in their own bodies outrank past officers of any grade. Present outrank past.

SEC. 4. The Past Commander who may preside in the absence of the first three officers of a Commandery is the *Senior* Past Commander present who is a member, without reference to the Commandery in which he acquired the title. Seniority of service.

See *Commander*, XIX.

SEC. 5. A Commander becomes a Past Commander at the expiration of his term of office, although he may have permanently removed from the State before that time. Change of residence does not affect.

SEC. 6. A Knight dimitting to the jurisdiction of another Grand Commandery forfeits his membership and right to voice and vote in the Grand and Subordinate Commandery of which he had been a member, and acquires no rank in the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction in which he has affiliated, but a "Past Commander may be elected to membership therein" and retain the rank held before his removal. Effect of affiliation in another jurisdiction.

SEC. 7. The seniority of service is not affected by the Commandery in which the title was acquired, but the Past Commander must be a member of the Commandery in which he officiates, except in cases otherwise provided for. Seniority of service.

TITLE XLV.—RED CROSS.

From foreign countries.—See Title "*Foreign Knights*."

In the council of the Illustrious Companions of the Red Cross, "High Priest" is the title of the officer ministering at the altar. Titles.

TITLE XLVI.—REPRESENTATIVES.

Grand Com-
manderies not
appoint foreign. Grand Commanderies cannot exchange representatives with Templar organizations outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

TITLE XLVII.—RESIGN.

Who may re-
sign. SECTION 1. Any officer of a Commandery under dispensation may resign with the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively.

Who may not. SEC. 2. Neither of the first three officers of a chartered Commandery can resign after installation.

Repeating the ballot.—See Title VII, “*Ballot—when it may be repeated.*”

TITLE XLVIII.—RITUAL.

Not to be al-
tered. The Rituals, as promulgated by the Grand Encampment, cannot be altered or abridged except by the action of the Grand Encampment.

For burial.—See Title “*Burial IX—Ritual for.*”

For installation.—See Title XXIX, “*Install Officers,*” etc., and forms adopted by the Grand Encampment.

TITLE XLIX.—SEAL.

Form of. SECTION 1. The seal of the Grand Encampment is that adopted September 12, 1844 (see reprint, p. 95), and altered September 15, 1856 (reprint, p. 311), and affixed to the Constitution, edition 1856, and Attestation, 1877.

When to use. SEC. 2. The officers of a Commandery have the right to order its seal affixed to any certificates or other documents which they can legally issue in the name of the Commandery.
See “*Summons.*”

SPEAK BUT ONCE IN GRAND ENCAMPMENT. See Const., Art. I, Sec. 18 (6).

TITLE L.—SUMMONS AND NOTICE.

To Grand En-
campment. SECTION 1. The notice to attend the regular Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment shall be issued by

the Grand Recorder two months before the time fixed for such Conclave.

SEC. 2. A statement of all propositions to amend the Constitution, Rituals, or Code must be inserted in the notice to attend Triennial Conclave. Notice of amendments.

SEC. 3. A notice published in the newspaper is not a legal summons; it must be by personal service, or by notice left at the residence or place of business of the person summoned, or deposited in the post-office, directed to his usual address. What is legal notice.

SEC. 4. It is necessary that the seal should be affixed to a summons, but not to a notice of a Conclave. When seal necessary.

SEC. 5. Every Knight should promptly and strictly obey the summons of his Commander. Knights should obey.

SEC. 6. A summons by a Subordinate Commandery should be used only by special direction of the Commandery. When by subordinate Commandery.

Striking from the roll.—See Title “*Expulsion*,” &c., XXI.

Suspension.—See Title “*Expulsion or Suspension*.”

TITLE LI.—TITLES.

See Constitution, Art, I, Sec. 2; Art. II, Sec. 4; Art. III, Sec. 2.

One who has filled by election and a term of service the office of Grand Master, Grand Commander, or Commander retains the rank and title, with the word “Past” prefixed—as Past Grand Master, Past Grand Commander, Past Commander. What entitles to retain.

Of Prelate.—See Title “*Red Cross—High Priest*.”

TITLE LII.—TRIAL.

SECTION 1. Trials of Sir Knights shall be in open Commandery, and the Commander shall preside, or in his absence an officer duly authorized by the Constitution may preside, and decide all questions of law and all questions upon the admissibility of evidence; and the trial shall be conducted as prescribed in the “Forms for How conducted.

Templar Trials” enacted and promulgated by the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 2. When a trial takes place in the Grand Commandery the Grand Commander shall preside, or in his absence an officer duly authorized by the Constitution may preside ; when in the Grand Encampment, the Grand Master shall preside, or in his absence an officer duly authorized by the Constitution may preside.

See Titles “*Appeal*, III;” “*Commander*, XIX, *Trial of*.”

Committee may
take depositions.

SEC. 3. A committee may be appointed to take the depositions of such witnesses only as cannot be examined in open Commandery, which, when taken, shall be returned to the Commandery.

Powers of
committee.

SEC. 4. A committee or commission cannot try a Sir Knight ; and it is not proper to refer the charge to a committee for consideration, nor for a committee appointed to take testimony to digest it or report any conclusions thereon.

TITLE LIII.—UNIFORM.

What is pre-
scribed.

SECTION 1. The uniform of Companions of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment. No other uniform is allowed, except in the case of Washington Commandery, No. 1, of the District of Columbia, whose members are permitted to wear the uniform prescribed and worn in that Commandery before the adoption of the regulation of 1862.

Power of Grand
Commandery
over.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Commandery shall have full power and authority to prescribe the uniform to be worn by those belonging to its own jurisdiction, except that the insignia of rank shall always be under the exclusive control and regulation of the Grand Encampment, and no other authority shall alter, modify, or in any way interfere therewith.

When omitted.

SEC. 3. In the absence of any legislation by the Grand Encampment or the governing Grand Commandery, each Commandery may determine by its by-laws whether or not

Sir Knights may be admitted to the sessions without full Templar uniform.

SEC. 4. All Past Grand officers are entitled to wear the Templar Cross. Of Past Grand Officers.

SEC. 5. The wearing of shoulder-straps is limited to the officers and past officers enumerated in the Statute of 1862. Shoulder-straps.

SEC. 6. The Templar baldric reversed, exhibiting the green side, Templar cap with Red Cross of the Order, instead of Passion Cross, or covered, sword, and white gloves, constitute the uniform of a Companion of the Red Cross. Of Companions of the Red Cross. The Sovereign Master wears the royal robes and crown, and the High Priest his full robes, etc. [See Ritual.]

Of Knights of Malta.—Same as Knights Templar.

SEC. 7. A Commandery may adopt a by-law requiring a Companion of the Red Cross to equip himself with a uniform before he can receive the Order of the Temple. May be required.

Vacancies—how filled.—See Title “*Officers—Succession of.*”

TITLE LIV.—VISITING KNIGHTS.

SECTION 1. No visiting Knight can be admitted to an Asylum if one only of the regular members present objects, *unless* he visits in an official capacity. The objection may be made openly or privately to the Commander, and in neither case can the objector be required to disclose his reasons for his objection. Objection of a member excludes.

SEC. 2. A visitor must be examined in all the preceding degrees, as well as in the Orders, in so far as he is not properly vouched for. Must be examined.

TITLE LV.—VOTE.

See Constitution, Art. I, Secs. 20, 21; Art. II, Sec. 13 (3). Majority governs, except.

SECTION 1. By the Constitution of the Grand Encampment all questions *except* as otherwise provided are decided by a majority vote.

See *Expulsion and Suspension*, Title XXI, Secs. 12, 13, 14.

Each member
but one vote.

SEC. 2. A member can have but one vote in the Grand Encampment or in a Grand Commandery or Subordinate Commandery, except the presiding officer, who in case of a tie shall have the casting vote, in addition to his individual vote.

See "*Proxy*," XLVI; "*Membership*," XXXIV.

TITLE LVI.—VOW OF OFFICE.

See Constitution, Art. IV. Sec. 9.

Forms to be observed in all Trials of Knights Templar.

FORMS FOR TRIALS.

Forms of Complaint and Appeal, etc.

The first step to be taken toward a trial of a Sir Knight is to prefer charges or make a complaint. The important requisites of a complaint are that it should be brief and yet comprehensive, clearly defining the nature of the offence charged, and as accurately as possible specifying the time, place, and circumstances of its commission. It may be in this form :

COMPLAINT.

To the Commander and Sir Knights of ——— Commandery, No. —:

Sir Knight A. B. is hereby charged with immoral and unknighly conduct :

FIRST SPECIFICATION—That the said A. B., on the — day of —, 18—, in the public street, at ———, in the county of ———, was in a state of intoxication, from the use of strong and spirituous liquors, in violation of his duty as a Sir Knight, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Order of Knighthood.

SECOND SPECIFICATION—That the said A. B., on the — day of —, 18—, at ——— aforesaid, and at various other times and places, in the year 18—, was intoxicated with strong and spirituous liquors, although admonished therefor by the Commander and Sir Knights of this Commandery ; in violation of his duty as a Sir Knight, to the great scandal and disgrace of the Order ; that it is therefore demanded

that the said A. B. be dealt with therefor according to the law and usage of Masonic Knighthood.

S——— L———.

Dated ———, 18—.

COMPLAINT IN ANOTHER FORM.

To the Commander and Sir Knights of ——— Commandery, No. —:

Sir Knight C. D. is hereby charged with immoral and unknighly conduct :

FIRST SPECIFICATION—That the said C. D., on the — day of —, 18—, at —, in the county of —, in the presence and hearing of Brother or Sir Knight E. F., and others, spoke and declared of Sir Knight G. H. these words in substance: that the said G. H. was a dishonest man; that he was a knave and a cheat, and that he was a liar; to the great injury of the said G. H., and to the common scandal and disgrace of our Knightly Order.

SECOND SPECIFICATION—That the said C. D., on the — day of —, at —, aforesaid, in the presence and hearing of Mr. Y. Z., and others, publicly spoke and declared of the said G. H., who was not present, that he, the said G. H., was a dishonest man, a knave, a cheat and a liar, in violation of the duties of the said C. D. as a Sir Knight, to the great injury of the said G. H., and to the common scandal and disgrace of our Knightly Order; and it is therefore hereby demanded that the said C. D. be put upon trial therefor.

L——— S———.

Dated ———, 18—.

These forms might be indefinitely multiplied; but they will be sufficient to show the manner and importance of specifying time, place, and circumstances constituting the offence.

This charge (that contained in the first form will hereafter be followed), having been presented in open Commandery, and received, the Commander thereupon directs the Recorder to serve notice upon the accused that he is required to file a plea or answer within ten days, and the Recorder shall accompany said notice with a copy of the charges. The charges need not be entered on the minutes, but the nature of them should be, and also the fact that

notice of said charges and a copy thereof were directed to be served on the accused. It is the duty of the Recorder immediately to serve upon the accused a copy of the charges, with the following notice annexed :

NOTICE OF CHARGES.

Sir Knight A. B. : Take notice that the within (or foregoing) is a copy of charges preferred against you at a stated Conclave of ——— Commandery, held on the — day of —, A. D. 18—.

You are required to file with me your plea or answer to said charges within ten days from the date hereof.

P—— Q——,
Recorder.

Dated ———, 18—.

At the next meeting of the Commandery the Recorder shall make report of his action.

If the accused shall have filed a plea or answer, the fact and the nature of such plea or answer shall be entered on the minutes.

If the plea or answer shall admit the truth of the charges, the Commandery shall at once determine what punishment shall be inflicted, and a record thereof shall be made in the minutes.

If the accused shall deny the truth of the charges, or shall set forth any matter in justification or mitigation of the offence, or if he shall fail to file a plea or answer, the Commandery shall proceed to try the accused in open Commandery; or a committee of three may be appointed to take testimony and report the same to the Commandery. When such testimony shall have been reported, the Commandery shall in like manner proceed to try and adjudge the case. The decision or verdict shall be entered on the minutes.

In case the accused absent himself, so that the charges cannot be personally served, the copy may be transmitted to him by mail, if his residence be known; if not, after a reasonable time and after diligent inquiry, the Recorder should report the fact to the Commandery for its further action. In all cases the prosecutor or Recorder should take care that the accused be served with notice five days beforehand of the time and place of meeting of the committee for taking testimony, and of the time of the trial.

The accused may be aided or represented by counsel in the preparation of his plea or answer, and in the taking of testimony, and all the proceedings of the trial: *Provided, however,* That such counsel shall be a Knight Templar in good standing.

ANSWER.

The following is suggested as a form for the plea or answer :

C. D., in person, denies the charges made against him, and every matter and thing contained in the several specifications of the same, and demands trial thereon.

This answer will vary according to the facts of each case. One specification may be admitted and another denied. The charge and specifications may be admitted, and matters set up in extenuation or excuse. To procure the attendance of witnesses on either side, some process may be necessary. If the witness be not a Knight, his attendance must, of course, be voluntary ; but a Knight is bound to obey a summons. This shall be issued by the Commander of the Commandery, and in the following form :

SUMMONS FOR WITNESS.

To Sir Knight I. J.:

You are hereby summoned and required to attend as a witness before the Commandery (or before the committee appointed) in the matter of certain charges preferred against A. B., on the — day of ——— inst., at — o'clock p. m., at the Asylum of ——— Commandery, No. —, and there to testify to the truth according to your knowledge.

K——— L———,

Dated ———, 18—.

Commander.

This may be made to answer for several witnesses, by inserting their names and adding the words, “and each of you,” after the word “you.” The Sir Knight disobeying such a summons may be proceeded against as in case of disobedience to any other summons. For this purpose the person serving it should note upon it when and how it is served.

The committee, having met for taking testimony, should organize ; that is to say, one of their number (and usually

the first named) should preside, though they may choose another for that purpose, and another of them should be chosen to act as clerk, and keep the minutes of their proceedings. A copy of the minutes of their appointment should be furnished them by the Recorder. They should keep minutes of their proceedings, which may be in this form :

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to take testimony in the matter of the charges against A. B., a copy of which is hereto annexed (marked A), assembled at the Asylum of ——— Commandery, No. —, on ———day evening, the — day of ———, 18—, pursuant to the following resolution (copy resolution).

Present : R. S., T. U., and V. W., committee. R. S. officiated as chairman, and V. W. was chosen clerk ; also C. D., who preferred said charges, and his counsel, A. B., and ———.

The charges were then read by Sir Knight S. L., Clerk, together with the answer of Sir Knight A. B.

Sir Knight B. requested that Sir Knight N. O. assist him as counsel. Sir Knight O. objected to the form of the charges as being vague and uncertain, but the committee declined to consider the objection, to which Sir Knight O. took an exception.

Sir Knight E. F. was then introduced as a witness, and testified as a Sir Knight as follows : I am acquainted with Brother A. B. ; I saw him on ——— street, in ———, on the — day of ——— last ; I was on the opposite side of the street ; he appeared to be much intoxicated [objection was made to the *appearance* of accused, but it was overruled, and an exception taken] ; he was there for about half an hour ; he reeled as he walked, etc.

On cross-examination Sir Knight E. F. further testified : I know that Sir Knight B. had been sick, etc.

The committee then adjourned to meet at the same place on ———day evening, the — of ———, 18—, at 7 o'clock.

———DAY EVENING, ——— 18—.

The committee met pursuant to adjournment. Present : All the committee, and Sir Knight A. B., and his counsel, Sir Knight O.

Sir Knight T. U. officiated as chairman.

Mr. H. C. was then introduced as a witness by ——— and stated as follows :

I was in ——— on the — day of — inst., etc.

The proof on the part of the complainant here rested.

Sir Knight O., on behalf of Sir Knight A. B., then produced the affidavit of Mr. J. B., sworn before ——— ———, to which ——— ——— objected, on the ground that Mr. B. should be produced for cross-examination.

Mr. B. was then produced, and ——— ——— then consented that his affidavit might be read, which was read accordingly, and is hereto annexed (marked B).

——— ——— then cross-examined Mr. B., who stated as follows, etc.

The proofs being closed (when taken by a committee), the committee certified to the correctness of the record as follows :

We hereby certify that the foregoing are correct minutes of the proceedings of this committee, and that the report of the testimony taken before us and hereto attached is full and correct.

These minutes have been given in this extended form, as presenting a convenient way of stating certain facts and proceedings on trial. Thus the statement of formal objections, and the grounds of them; that the accused was permitted to have counsel; that the first witness testified in his character as a Knight Templar, and that the second witness, not being a Knight, made his statement merely, no oath being administered to either; that the testimony is taken down in the words of the witness, and, of course, in the first person as he spoke; that the precise point objected to is stated; that the time and place of each adjournment are noted; that a sworn affidavit was not admitted, because no opportunity was given for cross-examination; and, finally, that the committee certified to the correctness of the minutes and testimony; all of which may furnish useful hints to those engaged in such trials, it being presumed that the usual forms of such proceedings, and the ordinary rules of evidence, are understood and will be observed. It is at the option of the committee whether they will admit any one to be present but the parties and the witnesses testifying; but on all such occasions none but Sir Knights should be admitted, except the witness not a Knight, and he only while testifying.

After the testimony shall have been read, and arguments made by counsel, by the accused, and by members of the Commandery who may desire to speak, a vote shall be taken. The question shall be submitted to the Commandery in the following form :

“Is the accused guilty under the first specification of the (first) charge against him ? ”

The question shall be submitted in like manner upon each specification, and then upon each general charge. If there shall be more than one charge, a separate vote will be taken upon each charge.

If the Commandery shall vote that the accused is not guilty upon any of the specifications or charges, or that the same have not been proven, he shall stand acquitted. If he be found guilty on any of the specifications or charges, a resolution shall be offered fixing the punishment ; which resolution may be amended to inflict a greater or less penalty than that specified in the resolution ; which resolution or amendment, when adopted, shall take effect immediately.

The Commandery may also decide that the charges and expenses of the trial amount to the sum of — dollars, which it adjudges that Sir Knight A. B. shall pay.

The Recorder of the Commandery should enter on his minutes the action of the Commandery upon each question submitted, with the adjudication as to charges and expenses. Should the resolutions be adopted (and for this purpose a majority vote is sufficient, unless the statute provide differently), and the accused be absent from the Commandery, it is the duty of the Recorder to furnish him immediately with a copy of the action of the Commandery, with a notice, which may be in this form :

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT.

To Sir Knight A. B.:

Take notice that the foregoing is a copy of the action adopted by ——— Commandery, No.—, at their conclave held at their asylum, on the — day of ——— inst.,

P——— Q———,
Recorder.

Dated ———, 18—.

These forms will answer for all the ordinary proceedings, from complaint to judgment, on a Knightly trial, on charges preferred in a *Commandery*. Some of them may be found practically unnecessary; but the complaint, minutes, and report are deemed important, and should be substantially followed in every case. In all cases, the decision of the *Commandery* is final, unless an appeal be taken from it to the *Grand Commandery* or *Grand Encampment*, where it has jurisdiction, within sixty days after judgment or verdict. In such cases, a full report will be made to the *Grand Commandery* or *Grand Encampment* of the minutes, etc., which shall be filed in the office of the *Grand Recorder*, and notice given to the parties by the *Recorder*.

APPEALS.

Where a party intends to appeal, he shall give notice of it immediately, which may be in the following form:

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To P. Q., Recorder of ——— Commandery, No. —:

Take notice that I appeal from the action of said *Commandery* on the — day of —, 18—, in passing sentence of suspension on me for three months (or other punishment), to the *Grand Commandery* of the State of —, on the grounds to be stated in my appeal.

A—— B——.

Dated —, 18—.

On receiving this notice, the *Recorder* of the *Commandery* will transmit to the *Grand Encampment* or *Grand Commandery* a copy of the minutes of proceedings, embracing the evidence, etc. The applicant should next prepare his appeal, which may appear in this form:

APPEAL.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of —.

The undersigned hereby appeals to you from the decision of — *Commandery*, No. —, made —, 18—, in

adjudging him guilty of, etc. (stating the offence, as in the decision of the Commandery), and in passing sentence of suspension on him for three months (or other punishment), and he specifies the following as the ground of his appeal:

1. That the second specification of the charges is vague and uncertain.

2. That testimony as to appearances of intoxication was improperly received.

3. That they erred in rejecting the sworn affidavit of J. B.

4. That the proofs in the case were not sufficient to warrant the finding of the Commandery.

5. That the Commandery erred in passing the resolution of suspension (or other penalty) by a majority vote.

All of which appears by the papers, proceedings, and evidence in the case, to which reference is hereby made.

A——— B———.

Dated ———, 18—.

A copy of this appeal should be served on the Recorder of the Commandery, and also a copy on the Grand Recorder. Within ten days an answer should be made to the appeal by the Subordinate Commandery. As, in most cases, this is merely taking issue, the form of an answer on appeal may be unnecessary, yet one is subjoined as follows:

ANSWER TO APPEAL.

——— *Commandery, No.—, answers the appeal of A. B., and says:*

That the said Commandery denies that there is any error in the proceedings of said Commandery in the trial of the said A. B.; and furthermore says that the decision of said Commandery in said case is sustained both by the law and evidence therein applicable thereto.

S——— L———,

Dated ———, 18—.

Recorder.

This is very general; and if a specific denial is deemed necessary—taking issue upon each of the grounds of appeal, and assigning reasons therefor—it may be made after the foregoing form in commencement, and adding thereto as follows:

Because the said Commandery says, as to the first ground of appeal, etc.

And because the said Commandery says, as to the second ground of appeal, etc.

The case being thus fairly brought up on appeal, the Grand Commandery may hear the same, either by oral argument, or the appeal and answer thereto may be made sufficiently full to call attention to all the points in the case, and the reasons therefor. If the Recorder of the Commandery shall have omitted a transcript of the proceedings of the Commandery, and the same be required to make the case perfectly understood, the Grand Commander may make an order in this form :

ORDER ON APPEAL.

OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER OF KNIGHTS
 TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF ———, }
 ———, 18—. }

*To the Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of ———
 Commandery, No.— :*

Sir Knight A. B. having duly appealed from the decision of your Commandery, made on the ———, 18—, suspending him for three months, you are hereby required to transmit to the Eminent Grand Recorder by the hand of your Recorder, under seal of your Commandery, a transcript of all the proceedings of your Commandery in the case of the said A. B., from the time of the presentation of the charges against him until and including the final action of your Commandery thereon, with the several dates thereof, together with all papers and documents relating thereto, not heretofore returned, within ——— days from the receipt of this order by you.

Given under my hand and private seal, on the day and year first above written.

—————,
Grand Commander.

From the foregoing general forms and directions, sufficient may be gathered to apply to every case of knightly discipline and trial between any parties, and whatever may be the decision. It should be remarked that when the charges

are based on a section of the statutes and regulations, or of the Commandery by-laws, it should be plainly and distinctly referred to.

Should the accused admit the charges when served upon him, proof of such admission or confession will be all that the Commandery is required to have made, and it will make up its minutes accordingly, adopting the foregoing forms.

If the accused fails to appear, or answer the charges after personal service, the Commandery may proceed, after taking proof of such service, to take proof of the charges; and in such case the Commander should appoint some Sir Knight to appear for him. The minutes and report in such case should be full, and the forms can readily be modified to suit such a state of facts.

APPEAL TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

In case of appeal to the Grand Encampment, the following form may be substantially adopted:

To the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States:

The undersigned, your petitioner, respectfully represents that on or about the — day of —, 18—, charges for *immoral and unknighly conduct* (stating the general nature of the charges) were preferred against him by Sir Knight S. L., in ——— Commandery, No. —, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of ———, and such proceedings were thereupon had in the said ——— Commandery; that your petitioner was adjudged by the same Commandery guilty of the offence so charged against him, and was therefore adjudged to (state the penalty imposed); that from such determination and sentence or judgment your petitioner appealed to the said Grand Commandery, and thereupon such proceedings were had in and by said Grand Commandery; that afterward and on or about the — day of —, 18—, the said determination and sentence, or judgment, were in *all things affirmed* (state the decision in fact given on the appeal) by the said Grand Commandery; and now your petitioner, feeling himself aggrieved by the action and determination of the said Grand Commandery in the premises, and being advised that the same is erroneous, appeals therefrom to the

Grand Encampment of the United States, and specifies, among other grounds of error therein, the following :

First. That, etc., (stating the several errors in, and objections to, the proceedings and determination of the Grand Commandery relied upon separately, and numbering them distinctly). (It must appear in this appeal that accused claims that, in the proceedings against him, the Constitution, some of the Statutes, or usages of Templarism were violated; otherwise the Grand Encampment will not take jurisdiction.)

Your petitioner, therefore, prays that the said Grand Commandery may be required to answer this petition; and that the testimony, proceedings, determination, and judgment aforesaid, as well of the said ——— Commandery as of said Grand Commandery, may, upon this appeal, be reviewed, and that such sentence and determination or judgment may be reversed, modified, or amended, as may be agreeable to knightly usage, justice, or equity.

A——— B———.

Dated ———, 18—.

This petition of appeal should be delivered to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, and a duplicate thereof delivered to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, which, when done, perfects the appeal. As soon thereafter as practicable, and before the next session of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery should transmit to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment a transcript of all the testimony, papers, and proceedings in the case which were before the Grand Commandery, together with its action and final determination therein, all duly authenticated under the seal of the Grand Commandery.

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